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GIANT BOMBERS FOR R.A.F.

After a long period of waiting, Britain is to have some of America's Flying Fortresses, Reuter's Washington correspondent cables this morning.

Flying Fortresses are giant, heavily-armed bombers, capable of bombing a target 2,000 miles from their base.

It is understood that Britain will have the latest models instead of the earlier ones.

The sale of these bombers to Britain has been made possible by the President's decision to allow Britain to have half the war production of the United States.

The latest models of the Flying Fortress have better rear gunner protection, with increased speed and longer range.—Reuter.

HITLER'S WAR ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Women and children outnumbered men in the list of fatal civilian casualties on the Home Front in October.

Analysis of the official returns shows that air raid deaths in the month totalled 6,334, of which 2,900 were women, 643 children and 2,791 men.

Injured were 3,750 women, 717 children and 4,228 men.—Reuter.

Plunder In Middle East With Nazi Permission

THE SOVIET PRESS IN MOSCOW IS MAINTAINING COMPLETE SILENCE ON M. MOLOTOV'S VISIT TO BERLIN, IN SHARP DISTINCTION TO THE PEP-TALKS OF THE NAZI NEWSPAPERS.

It is revealed in Moscow that the British Ambassador, Sir Stafford Cripps, had an interview on Monday with the Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Vishinsky.

Hitler received Molotov for a lengthy conversation yesterday afternoon, at which Ribbentrop was present, with Hitler's bodyguard doing the honours outside the Chancellery.

The first conference between Ribbentrop and Molotov lasted two hours, according to a Berlin message, but no details have been disclosed.

That Hitler has placed great hopes on the visit of the Soviet Prime Minister is indicated from reports from the Berlin correspondents of the Swiss newspapers.

On the one hand it is stated that he wishes to obtain Russia's adherence to the Axis-Tokyo Alliance, or, if that is impossible, to facilitate the conclusion of a Russo-Japanese Pact in order to demonstrate to the world Russia's solidarity with the Axis.

On the other hand Hitler is said to be anxious to obtain Russia's support for Germany's expansionist policy in the Near East.

Berlin as a sign that Russia has now declared herself in favour of the Axis.

The correspondent asks: What price must be paid to Moscow? Certainly the Dardanelles, he replies, but much more as well.

The indications are, he adds, that the Near East and Central Asia will be promised to Russia as her sphere of expansion with special emphasis on Turkey, Iran and Iraq.—Reuter.

DE GAULLE OCCUPIES GENTIL

General de Gaulle has apparently taken another African port.

A Geneva despatch to the official German News Agency says that all communications with the port of Gentil, the second largest port in Gabon, are reported in Vichy to be cut. Hence it is presumed that General de Gaulle's forces have succeeded in capturing this port as well as Libreville.

Few Casualties

Troops of the Free French forces have entered Libreville and General de Gaulle has appointed Lieut.-Colonel Parrant to be Governor of Gabon, states a communique issued by de Gaulle's H.Q.

General Tente gave the order to end resistance and surrendered. Contrary to sensational propaganda reports, the operations which took place at Libreville caused very few casualties to either side.—Reuter.

EXPLOSIONS IN AMERICAN ARMS FACTORIES

OVER TWENTY PEOPLE WERE KILLED, IT IS FEARED, IN THREE SEPARATE EXPLOSIONS YESTERDAY IN IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL CENTRES IN NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA.

The explosions, says Reuter's correspondent, from Woodbridge, N.J., occurred in widely separated areas, one after the other.

ITALIAN PLANE RAMMED

The British press yesterday carried photographs of some of the Italian planes brought down on Monday over Britain.

The Italians lost 13 machines, all brought down over the Thames Estuary within 15 minutes by two British squadrons, when themselves suffered no loss.

One Italian plane was rammed by a British pilot who had run out of ammunition. The British plane subsequently landed safely.

The Germans lost 12 machines, so that the "bag" for the day was 25 enemy machines. Two British fighters are missing.—Reuter.

Considerable material damage was done.

Simultaneously another explosion occurred at the American Cyanide Company's powder factory at Edinburg, Pennsylvania, the shock of which was felt two miles away.

This is the second explosion in this company's factories within three days.

The third detonation yesterday shook the Trojan Powder Company's factory on the outskirts of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Several persons were injured, some of them fatally.

Three In Hour

It is now learned that the three explosions occurred within the space of an hour, the first at 1.10 p.m. at Edinburg, the second at 1.20 p.m. at Woodbridge, and the third at 2 p.m. at Allentown.

The Trojan Powder Company holds over £50,000 of defence contracts.

Officials of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (the G-men) from Washington have started an enquiry into each explosion.—Reuter.

Hint Of Proposed Deal

The Berlin correspondent of "Tribune de Geneve" states that Molotov's visit is considered in

GOERING HOLDS OFF

THE ONLY ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY OVER ENGLAND YESTERDAY WAS BY A SMALL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT OPERATING SINGLY, STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

One of these was shot down into the sea off the South-east Coast.

Bombs were dropped at a few points, including one in the London area. A small number of casualties was caused and little damage is reported.—Reuter.

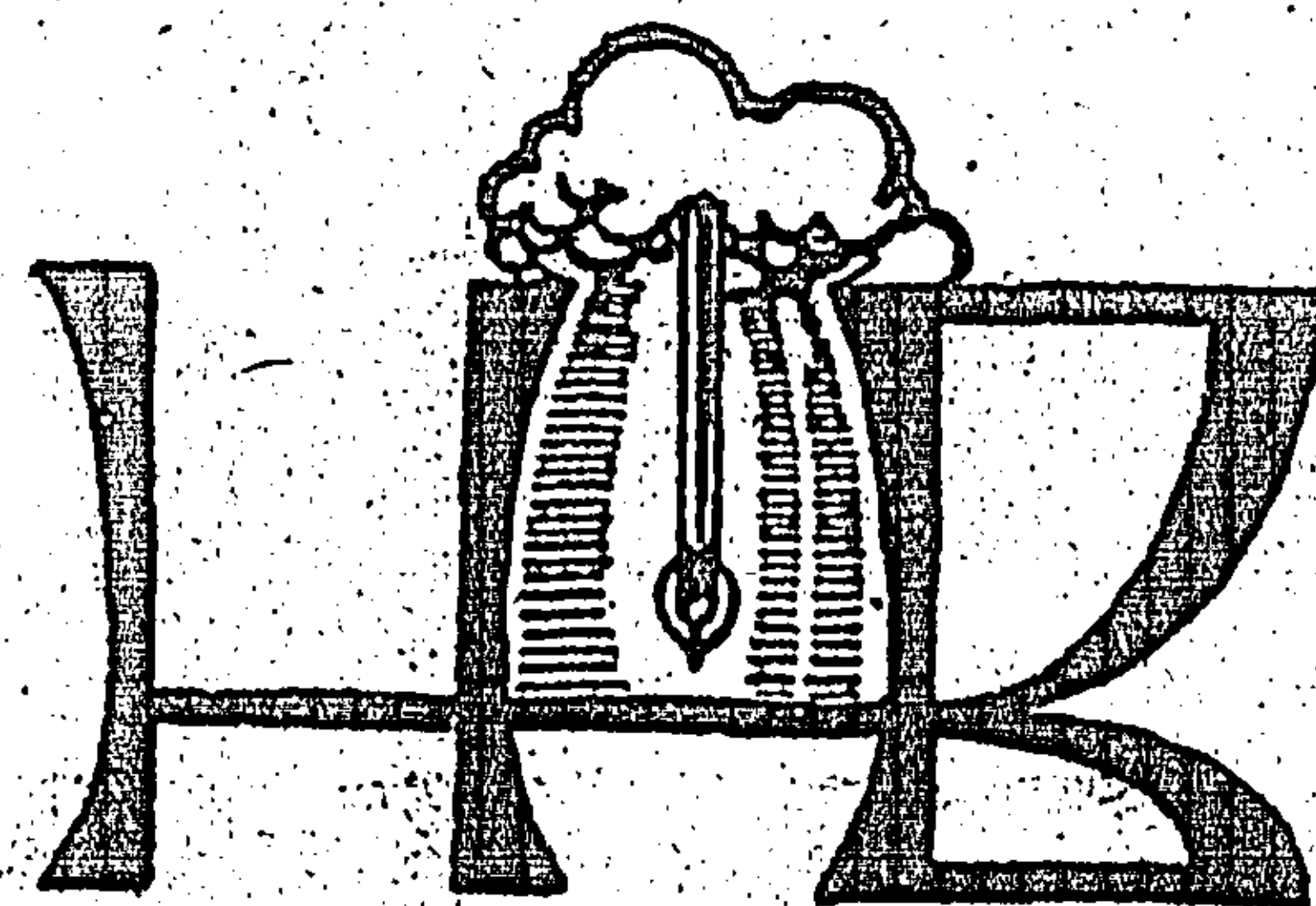
BOMBS DROPPED IN SUEZ CANAL ZONE

Enemy aircraft dropped several bombs on the Canal Zone at about 7.30 p.m. on Monday night, says a communique issued in Cairo yesterday by the Egyptian Ministry of Defence.

Several other bombs were dropped in an orchard near Cairo at about 8 p.m.

There were no casualties in either raid and casualties were slight.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Ribbentrop Tells Molotov What He's In Berlin For

THE LOGIC OF AXIS-TOKYO ALLIANCE

"M. MOLOTOV'S VISIT to Berlin is the logical outcome of the evolution of the European situation and the signing of the tripartite pact," says an official statement handed to foreign journalists at the German Foreign Office yesterday, according to the French Wireless.

The statement continues: In view of the new situation created by developments of the war and the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance, it becomes necessary to define positively and clearly the position of the Soviet.

'PLANE BURSTS IN MID-AIR

A German bomber and a Messerschmidt fighter were shot down in the Straits of Dover during a series of fierce air battles fought out over the S. E. coast throughout one afternoon.

Most of the fighting was at a great height in the dazzling glare of the sun, but A.A. guns were repeatedly in action against enemy planes which ventured within range of their shells.

Late in the afternoon a German bomber attempting to escape over the Channel was shot down by a Spitfire high above cliffs to the east of Dover. The machine blew into pieces in mid-air and fell into the water just outside Dover Harbour.

One of the crew was hauled out of the wreckage, and his parachute, torn by the explosion, opened out and carried him to mid-channel, where he dropped into the sea.

Half an hour later a Messerschmidt 109 swooped out of the sky and opened fire with its cannon gun on a barrage balloon over Dover. The balloon fell in flames and the raider streaked out to sea ringed by bursting A.A. shells.

Watchers on the coast saw a British fighter pounce on the escaping raider and shoot it down in mid-channel.

"M. Molotov's visit has the following aims:

"Firstly, to fix a basis for political and economical collaboration of the Soviet and the Axis Powers and eventually with Japan;

"Secondly, to re-consider, from the point of view of more extensive collaboration, the bases of the German-Soviet Agreement."

The statement adds: "In the present circumstances, M. Molotov's visit is particularly significant because it proves that developments in Europe, notably the signing of the tripartite pact, has in no way affected the perfect realisation by both Moscow and Berlin of their respective and common interests."

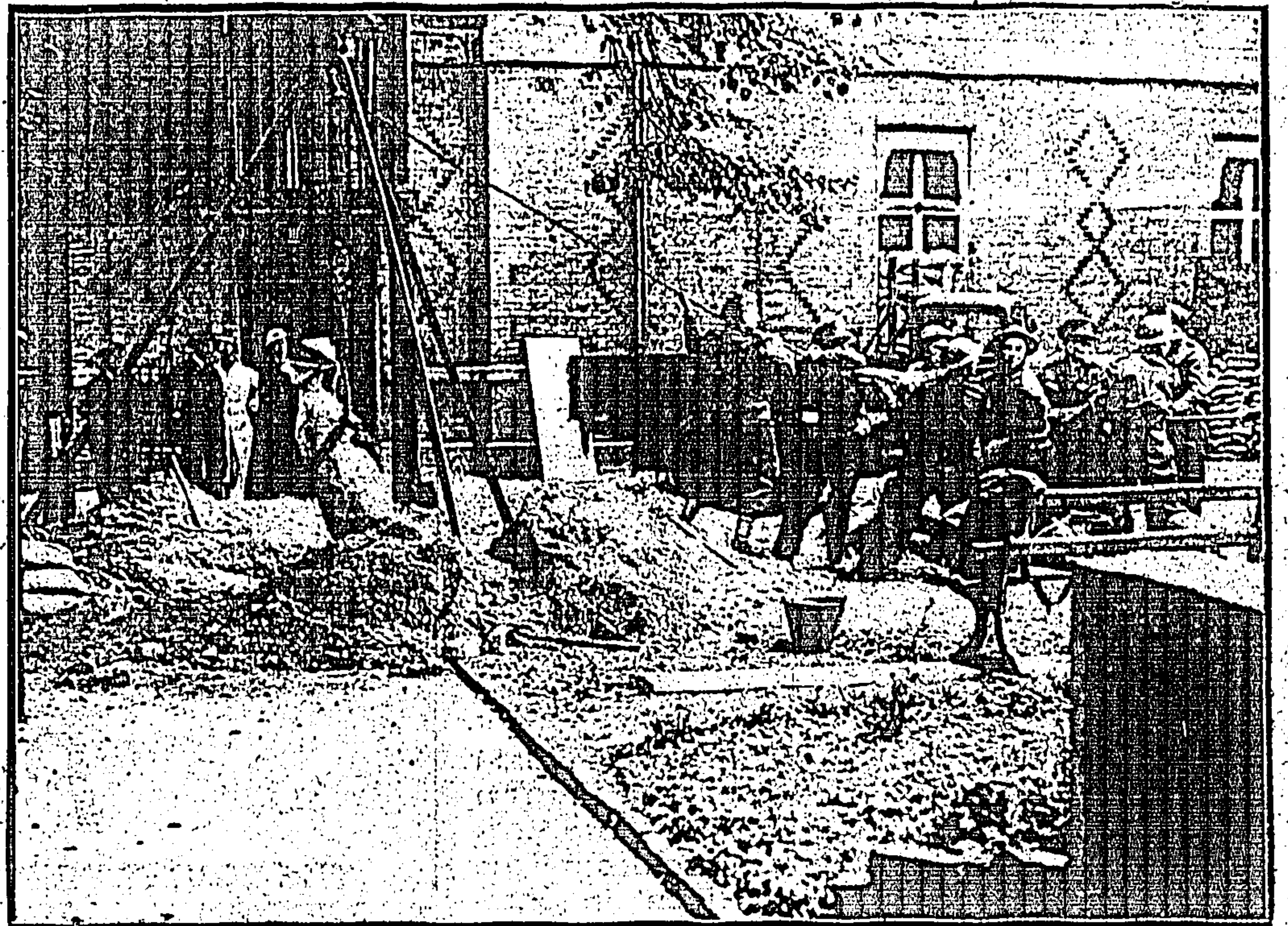
Important Phase

"Their collaboration since the signing of the German-Soviet Agreement has only become closer and never suffered the slightest reverse, contrary to allegations in foreign propaganda."

The statement concludes by emphasising that M. Molotov's talks in Berlin "are not an aim in themselves, but an important phase in the relations of perfect collaboration between the two countries."

The French broadcast added that it seemed probable that Berlin discussions may be followed by talks in Moscow after M. Molotov's return.

Political circles in Moscow state that after reporting to Stalin, M. Molotov will confer with the Japanese and German ambassadors and probably with the representatives of Italy and Turkey. — *Reuter*.



These pictures show Lieut. R. Davies, in command of the Bomb Disposal Unit, who was responsible for the saving of St. Paul's Cathedral, with members of a Unit when they lifted a 1200 lb. time bomb in the grounds of a Hospital in London. (Copyright, Fox).

RUSH FOR WEDDING SERVICES

Young couples, where the man has joined, or is about to join, the Services are hastening their wedding.

The result is that the latest marriage return for Scotland for the April-June quarter is the highest in the history of the statistics.

The 12,972 marriages for the quarter were 960 more than for the previous quarter, also a heavy war-time period, and 3,511 above the average for the previous five years.

This Scottish marriage rate of 10.4 per thousand of population is actually more than one-third above the normal peace-time level.

The birth-rate for the same period, on the other hand was the lowest ever recorded for that quarter. The 23,285 births gave a rate of 18.6.

There was an amazing reduction in the death-rate.

The April-June death-rate of 12.8 per thousand is normal. But it is 7.9 lower than at the height of the cold spell last winter.

AXIS SILENT ON DEBACLE IN GREECE

(By *Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent*)

NEITHER THE ITALIAN NOR THE GERMAN RADIO HAS MADE ANY REFERENCE TO THE DEFEAT OF THE ALPINE DIVISION IN PINDUS MOUNTAINS — INDEED THE ONLY SUGGESTION IN THE TOTALITARIAN PHRASEOLOGY THAT OPERATIONS ARE NOT PROGRESSING AS IT WAS HOPED IS A CLAIM THAT "GREEK ATTACKS" IN THE EPIRUS ZONE HAVE BEEN REPULSED.

Admission of enemy attacks is already a big concession to truth by Axis propaganda. The appointment of a new commander-in-chief — General Soddu — for the campaign against Greece is, of course, another hint of the truth.

On the other hand, the German Radio is somewhat amusing in its efforts to gloss over the signal defeat of the Italian air raid over Britain.

In other respects, there is a very noticeable tendency to exaggerate German successes which presumably coincides with the visit of M. Molotov and is intended to impress.

It is probable that the Soviet Premier will be able to convince himself of the other aspects of the results of the air war during his stay in Berlin.

Although a report is current again that Count Ciano may be invited to meet Molotov, the Italian Foreign Minister has provided himself with a convenient excuse if the visit does not materialise.

A Cold Shoulder

The Rumanian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister are on their

way to Rome for an official visit and their presence will naturally account for Count Ciano stopping in Rome if the much desired invitation to Berlin is lacking.

Doubtless, Mussolini is also mindful of the fact that he had no part in the talks between Hitler and Franco and Hitler and Pétain.

Incidentally, neither of these meetings seemed to have been followed by dramatic developments such as were heralded by the German Press.

Indeed, there is a peevish tone in German comments on the Vichy Government and M. Laval has certainly lost a good deal of caste both in Paris and Vichy, not to mention the French Colonies. — *Reuter*.



Photo shows Lieut. R. Davies (seated) removing the fuse from the huge time bomb after it had been lifted. (Copyright, Fox).

HAMBURG HAVOC

Germany's Second Largest City Faces Bankruptcy

The R.A.F. Bomb-Blight On Port

HAMBURG, THE second largest city in Germany, faces bankruptcy. Every report reaching London emphasises the growing effects of the Royal Air Force's "bomb-blight" on this once great seaport, states the Air Ministry News Service.

A tremendous effort is being made to conceal the damage, even from the people of the city itself, yet news of the havoc in Hamburg is spread all over Germany.

Damage to factories becomes daily more serious. More and more industries are being transferred to eastern cities or occupied Poland.

Burnt-out shells of warehouses and smashed wharves tell the tale of Hamburg's ruin.

New reports state that the Blohm and Voss shipyard on the Isle of Waltersdorf, has been badly damaged. New ships under construction have been smashed.

At one period, five submarines out of 26 in building, were damaged beyond repair.

Sections of the Blohm-Voss Workshops have been turned over to aircraft production. These have been heavily bombed and aircraft nearly completely burnt out.

Complete Muddle

Damage to power stations has cut the output of factories which so far have escaped bombs or fire.

Wrecked railway lines and empty godyards add to the muddle.

Damage to railways is so extensive that goods traffic must always be given preference.

Travellers from Berlin to Hamburg report that the journey now takes 24 hours instead of the usual four and involves at least five changes in either direction.

So many Hamburg ships have been sunk or damaged in harbour or mined off the mouth of the Elbe and in Baltic waters that shortage of tonnage is becoming an acute problem.

To try to offset these losses, Swedish ships are being used to the full extent in Baltic trade. — Reuter.

EASIER A.T.S. PROMOTIONS

Promotions in the A.T.S. are to be decided by a Selection Board which is to be set up.

The work of the Board will facilitate promotion on the recommendation of the immediate superiors, with personal knowledge of the officer or member reported upon.

Confidential reports on all A.T.S. officers are to be sent to the Board at once.

Mr. Eden, War Minister, announced this in the House of Commons recently.

He also stated that an A.T.S. Council, under the supervision of the Adjutant-General, would also be set up.

Mr. Eden was replying to a question as to whether he had considered the report of the Select Committee on National Expenditure regarding the A.T.S.

Mr. Eden said that ever since the D.E.F. returned from France the Army Council had been considering reports on the work of the A.T.S. in which over 30,000 women were enrolled for military duties.

New Rations

All reports, he said, testified to the keenness and efficiency of the A.T.S. and to the great value of its work. Many suggestions had been received to bring the organisation of the A.T.S. into closer conformity with present requirements.

ITALIANS GOOD AT THESE METHODS

THE ISLAND OF CORFU HAD FOUR "ALERTS" YESTERDAY.

Italian planes bombed one town and then machine-gunned women and children in the fields. — Reuter.

VICHY GROWING ANXIOUS ABOUT STAND IN COLONIES

M. LAVAL, THE Vichy Vice-Premier, is reported from Berlin to be once again en route to Paris where, it is stated, he intends to consult with German officials.

In neutral quarters, this visit is linked up with the growing anxiety felt by the Vichy Government about the French Colonies.

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" LEAVES NEW YORK

The giant Cunard liner "Queen Elizabeth," the largest merchant ship in the world, sailed from New York yesterday afternoon, it is officially disclosed.

The destination of the "Queen Elizabeth" is not revealed, but it is suggested that she is going to a Canadian port or to Boston to be fitted as a troopship, or even to Singapore. — Reuter.

received to bring the organisation of the A.T.S. into closer conformity with present requirements. The normal type of soldiers' ration having proved too heavy for women in some respects and deficient for women in other respects, a new scale is being introduced more appropriate to the needs of the A.T.S.

Main ration changes, he said, included a slight reduction in the heavier foods, such as meat, bacon and bread, a supplementary ration of eggs, fifty per



Air raid damage in the West End of London. Fire at a well-known Oxford Street store (John Lewis & Co.). (Copyright: Fox).

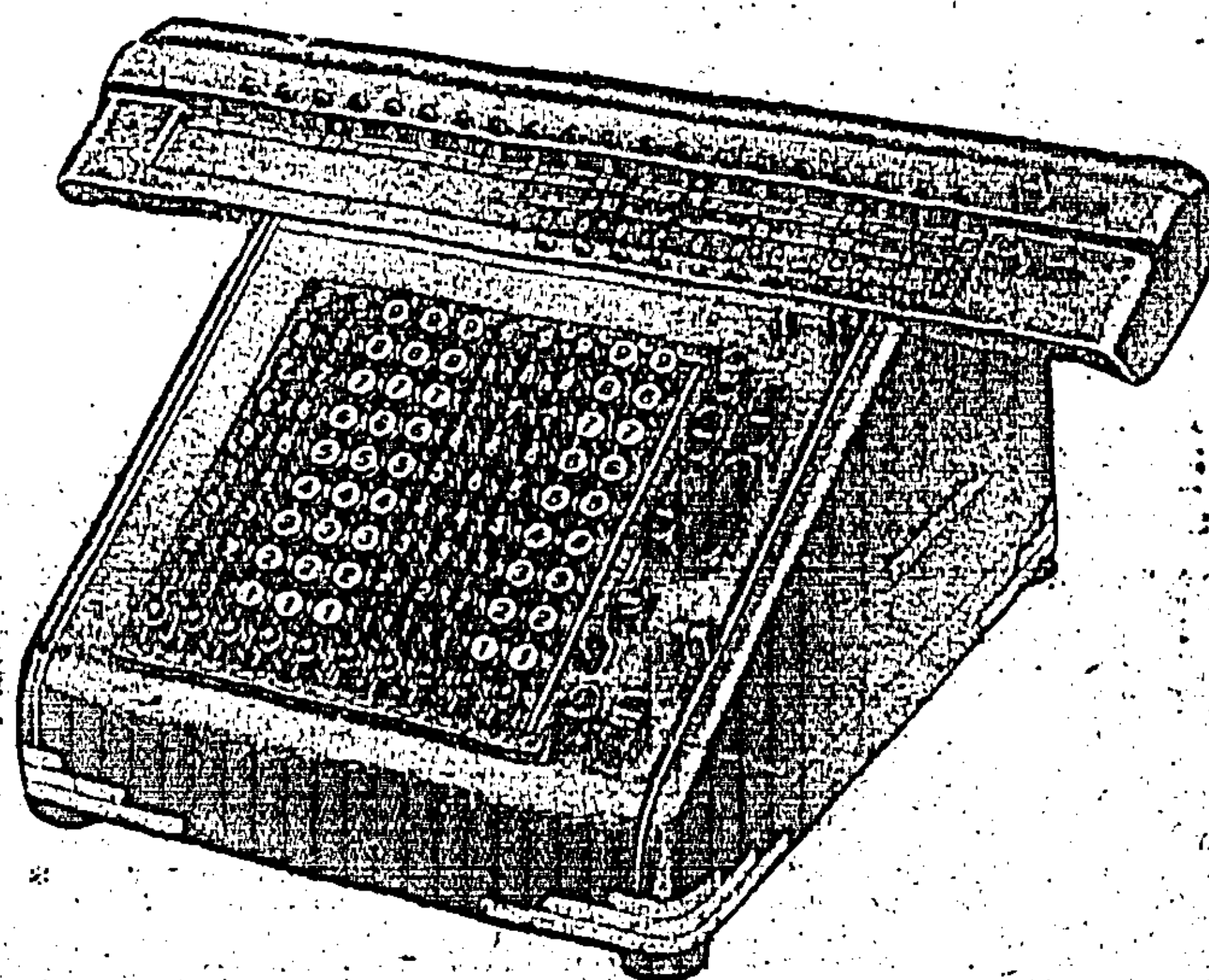
INTERMENT OF REFUGEES

Mr. Lloyd George sent the following message to a conference convened by the National Council for Civil Liberties in London on the internment of aliens:—"Trust you" conference will impress on the Government the importance of avoiding methods which will convert a war for the

tunity for its suppression." Mr. H. W. Nevins, president of the Council, expressed his detestation of the treatment of their friends and Allies who were refugees from Europe and who had been detained in concentration camps. "We have no right to put these people into camps," he said.

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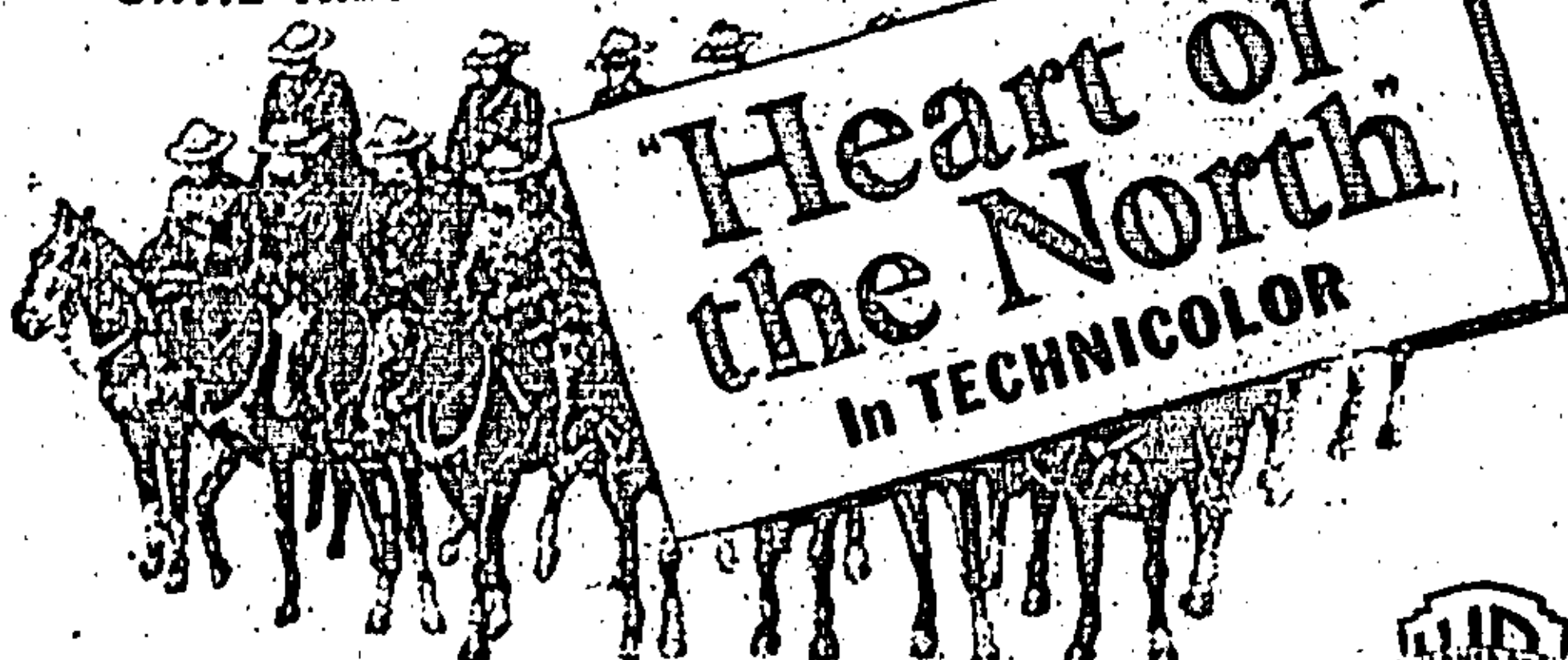
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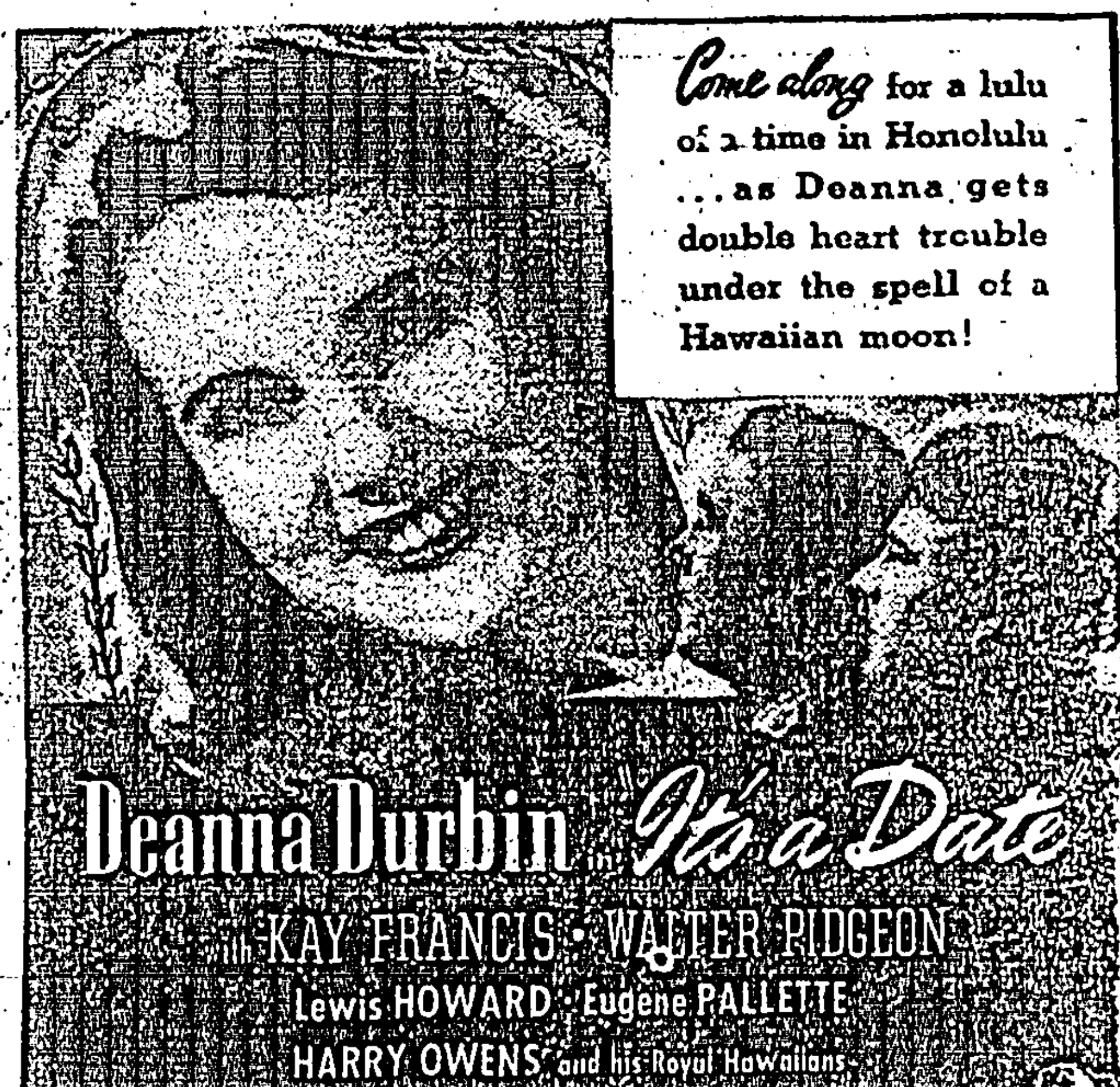
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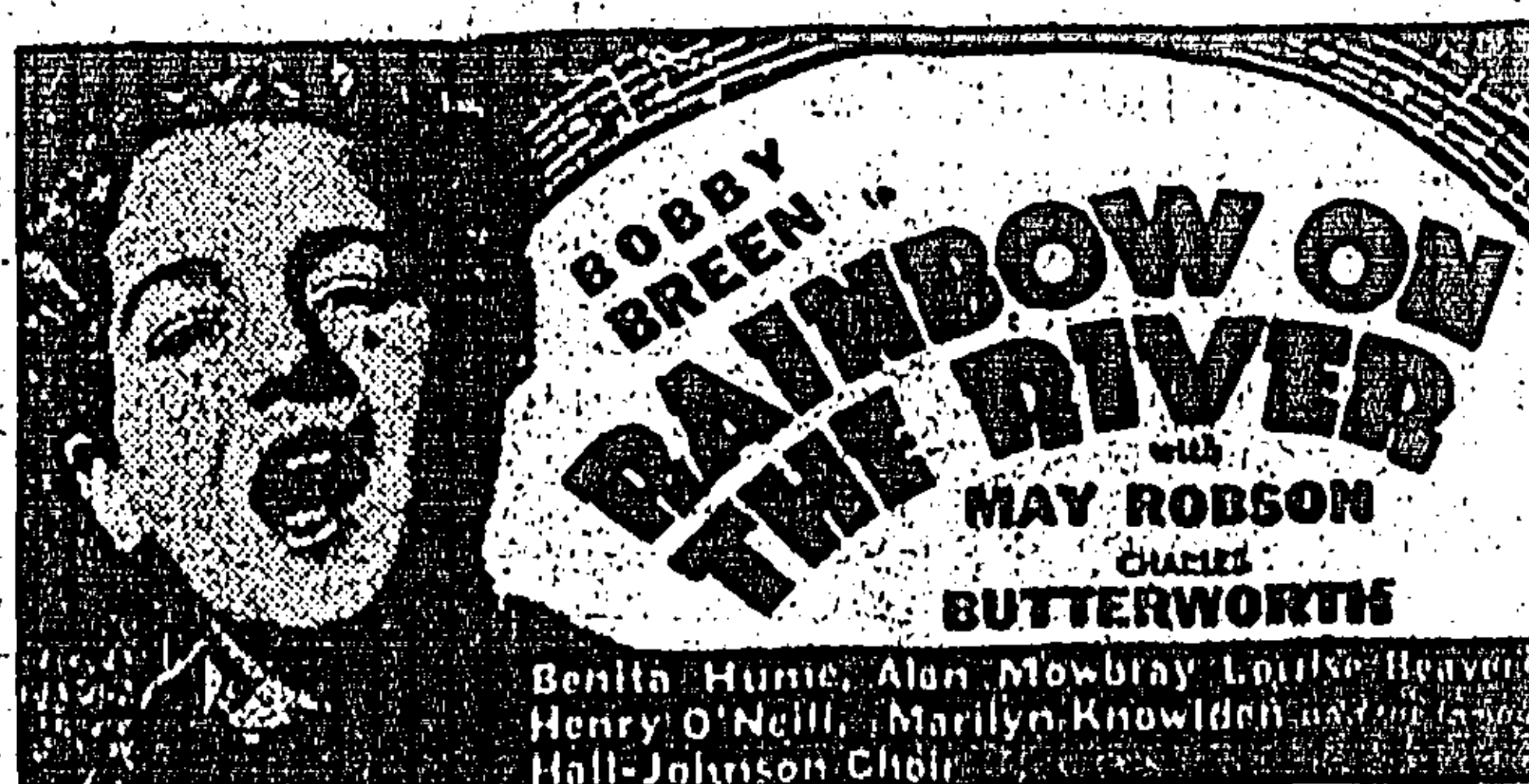
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NAVY STRAINS ITS EYES LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF ITALIANS

DURING THE WHOLE voyage of 2,000 miles, in the course of which 'planes from the aircraft carrier Ark Royal bombed Cagliari, Sardinia (as reported yesterday), the Fleet did not see a single Italian surface craft or make contact with any submarines.

This is disclosed by a correspondent who was on board one of the cruisers when the Fleet carried out its "sweep" of the Central Mediterranean.

'A TOKEN OF FREEDOM'

Children bound for the United States will receive copies of a book specially produced to commemorate their departure from this country.

It is "A Token of Freedom," a short version of Sir Bruce Richmond's anthology, "The Pattern of Freedom," and the Americans-in-Britain Outpost of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies has undertaken to present a copy to each child either as he embarks or after he arrives at his war-time home.

No adult may buy or beg one; but parents may subscribe towards the cost of production and postage. To prevent any illicit ownership, the child's name and age will be inscribed on a book-plate which proclaims that the book was given to its youthful owner "by someone who loved these words and knew what they meant and knew why I must cherish them and hold them sacred so long as I live." Above, the figure of Britannia is shown handing over a boy and girl to the care of Liberty.

The Foreword

The foreword tells the child that he is going "for a little while, to a country where every child learns by heart at least one of the things in this book: the words of Lincoln at Gettysburg." In a competition on board the ship to take children to the States under the auspices of the American Evacuation Committee, a thirteen-year-old girl won her first American dollar for the best recitation of the address.

The stirring words of Pericles to the Athenians, part of the Magna Carta, quotations from Dante, Shakespeare, Milton, Blake, Plut, Wordsworth, and others—all of them variations on the idea of freedom—fill the sixty pages.

Specimen copies of "The Token of Freedom" may be viewed at a number of bookshops throughout England and Scotland and at the headquarters of the Americans-in-Britain Outpost at 29, Gordon Square, London, W.C.1, but they are Not to be Taken Away.

SCILLY ISLESMEN TO "STAY PUT"

The 1,700 Scilly Islanders have decided to stay on, however often Hitler sends his machine-gunning bombers.

Major A. A. Dorrien-Smith, owner of Treco Island, chairman of the Council of the Isles of Scilly, and unofficial "dictator" of the islands, said this to reporters.

Although explosive and incendiary bombs have been dropped on all five inhabited islands there have been few casualties.

"The moral of the Islanders is excellent; they all lent a hand putting out fires, and they are determined to let nothing scare them," he said.

"A few women with very young children have gone to stay with friends on the mainland, but there is no question of voluntary evacuation on any scale."

The islands are 25 miles from Land's End.

RHUBARB TO MAKE WEAPONS

A yorkshire farmer, Mr. Selwyn Wade, thinks he can help to beat Hitler—with rhubarb.

Experiments which he initiated have led scientists to believe that rhubarb will produce a substance of great value to munitions making.

The experiments have been carried out at a northern university which is on war research work.

A professor there said: "The nature of the experiments must remain secret. It would be useful to the enemy to know what we are aiming at. I think I can say that we hope to get valuable results."

Mr. Wade, who lives at Oulton, near Leeds, has been farming rhubarb—100 acres of it—all his working life.

"I remembered," he said, "that before aniline dyes were developed rhubarb was used in the dyeing industry. That gave me the idea of putting it to other industrial use."

"I sent quantities of rhubarb to the professor. Later he wrote that he had got from it a certain material which might be of great use in munitions work."

"Then he suggested that the fibre of rhubarb might serve as a substitute for wood pulp in paper-making. Experiments on that line are now being carried out by another research body."

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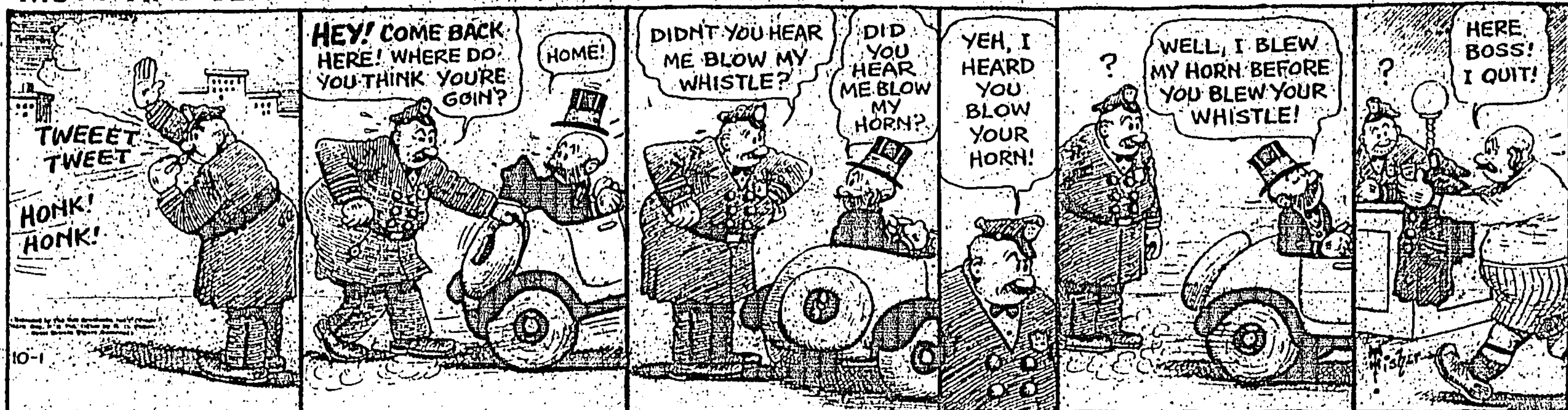
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By BUD FISHER



ARGENTINE TRADE DILEMMA

The exchange stringency which forced Argentina into a temporary suspension of exchange permits for United States goods on September 19 has not been cured despite the fact that the suspension was lifted recently, foreign traders stated in New York. They predicted that similar suspension will have to be imposed at recurring intervals while the war lasts and conceded that the recent exchange action was dictated by necessity and not by animosity toward this country and its producers, says Chas E. Egan in the "New York Times."

Handicapped by bilateral trade agreements which produce no dollar exchange, the country is dependent upon United States purchases for the dollars she must have to meet foreign obligations and to cover necessary imports

from this and other countries, exporters said. Despite the sharp rise in our imports of Argentine products (a gain of 54 per cent. in the first nine months of the war compared with the year before), United States exports to Argentina have been risen at a greater rate (70.2 per cent. in the same period).

Three Reasons Behind Action

Three reasons are ascribed by exporters for Argentina's restrictions on permits for United States goods. The first is that Argentina acted because she is compelled to bring the volume of exchange permits within the amount of dollars available; second, that authorities in Argentina suspect there has been considerable "padding" by importers in their applications for exchange; and third, that Argentina may have in mind some sort of price control of goods coming into the country from the United States.

In the last two instances Argentina, by suspending the issuance of permits for a week, has had time to give close study to the permits and detect those which are padded as well as to compare prices on American goods with the prices charged in other markets.

In an analysis of the recent Argentine ruling, the National

Foreign Trade Council recently called attention to the disparity in trade between this country and the Argentine and to the difficulties that nation faces as a result of trade policies which, the council adds, have been more or less forced upon her.

With current dependence on the United States for many articles, the council explained, curtailment of imports from the United States will affect Argentine importers and retailers to a far greater degree than it will their United States purveyors.

Export Import Loans Help

Help from the United States through loans by the Export-Import Bank of Washington may relieve the situation temporarily but the problem must recur if existing conditions continue. The credits also are likely to become an added charge against United States trade, it was contended. There has been much criticism here, the report continued, against Argentina's policy of placing a prior lien on available dollar exchange to service the external dollar indebtedness of the country.

Increasing purchases by the United States of Argentina's products, or that country's return to the principles of multilateral trade, seem to be the only solutions if Argentina is to avoid exchange difficulties and open its market to the potential demand for United States goods, the council held.

The former of these alternatives is debatable: that is the present ability of the United States to consume substantial additional quantities of Argentine products which, to a degree, are competitive with our own, the report concluded. As to the other alternative—the return by Argentina to the principles of multilateral trade—unfortunately Argentina is not in a position to control this situation. It is an imposition from which Argentina, undoubtedly, would wish to escape; however, it is an imposition from which no immediate release appears probable.

NEW FASHION IDEA

Shell fragment jewellery is a new feminine fashion introduced by air-raids.

Girls are collecting small pieces of Hitler's bombs and A.A. shell splinters from their boy friends and having them made up into bracelets, necklaces and earrings.

There is a rush in some districts for shell splinter-picking after the "All clear" has gone.

"I only want another two pieces and I'll have enough for a bracelet!" one young girl told the "Daily Mirror." "As my fiance is a member of the A.A. it will make a most appropriate keepsake."

Little boys are earning pocket-money selling pieces of shell for anything from a halfpenny to threepence.

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HORIZONTAL

- Globes
- American writer
- To slay
- Levantine sailing vessel
- Man's name
- Cry of Bacchanals
- Of Celebes
- Animal's hard shell
- Slipping walk
- Article
- Fur-bearing animals
- Snake-like fish
- Tibetan gazelle
- Worthless leaviness
- Belgian river
- Greek goddess
- Religious congregation
- Asiatic
- River in Idaho
- British regiment
- Philippine bay
- Confusion
- Woodland deity
- Gardening implement

VERTICAL

- Prefix: two
- Girl's name
- Good luck charm
- Ancient musical instrument
- Heraldic bearing
- Goddess of mischief
- Image
- Remunerates
- Born
- Mother of Apollo
- Glacial ridges
- Frog genus
- Measuring of the probable duration of human life
- Scene
- Printer's measure
- Citrus fruit
- Spike of grain
- Military cap
- Russian name
- Tress
- Drugs
- Wine chalice
- French river
- Grampus
- Goddess of the harvest
- Hair-tail
- Food-fish
- Pronoun
- To vanish gradually
- To saturate
- Southern constellation
- Nine
- Rim
- Composed of lobes
- Roman bronze
- To be of use
- To create
- South American armadillo
- Supporter
- Fader away
- Arrow poison
- Source
- Italian river
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GERMANS USING A 2-TON BOMB?

A new "super bomb" is being used against Britain, says a special cable to the New York "Daily News" from Berlin.

It weighs almost two tons, and because of its high cost it is dropped only by Stuka dive-bombers to make sure of its aim.

JAPANESE CONFISCATE BRITISH GOODS

Goods made in Great Britain are not only prevented from being transported but also confiscated by the Japanese in the occupied districts in China's rich provinces of Chekiang and Kiangsu, and this boycott movement has been especially accelerated after the re-opening of the Burma route, according to reports published by the leading Chinese dailies in Shanghai.

Quoting recent arrivals from up-country occupied areas, the reports state that as a retaliatory measure, the Japanese have been forbidding British goods to be sent to occupied districts along the Yangtze and have enlarged the scope of the anti-British movement.

After occupying the various districts in both provinces, the Japanese are said to have been flooding the market with Japanese goods but at the same time they allowed British and American goods to be transported and sold.

But now movement of British goods is not only restricted but they are also confiscated. It is asserted that owing to this change of policy since the re-opening of the Burma highway, British goods have totally disappeared from the market in all districts between Nanking and Shanghai.

Goods Piled Up
Even if one pays a price three or four times as big, one cannot obtain the desired British product.

JAPAN'S LARGE SUPPLY OF STEEL SCRAP

JAPAN MAY HAVE a one-year supply of raw materials for the manufacture of steel at the 1939 rate of output of 7,055,000 net tons, by far the highest figure in the history of Japan.

If this conclusion is accurate, it may provide the key to recent developments and the puzzling equanimity of Tokyo officials over the prospect of an immediate loss of United States and British supplies of raw materials, says Kenneth L. Austin in the "New York Times."

With respect to Japanese steel production, these raw materials are scrap steel and to a limited degree pig iron and ferro-alloys imported from the United States, and iron ore, pig iron, scrap steel, molybdenum and tin from British dependencies such as India and Malaya in the Far East.

In the six years 1934 to 1939 inclusive, the United States exported 10,550,000 net tons of scrap steel, pig iron and ferro-alloys to Japan. Exports of scrap steel alone were 9,703,000 net tons. One ton of scrap steel makes one ton of new steel. One ton of pig iron makes about nine-tenths of a ton of steel, with other materials added.

Scrap From Other Sources

Recorded Japanese imports of scrap steel from other sources in the six years were 2,872,000 net tons. This does not include vessels purchased from many countries and broken up into scrap in Japan, nor does it include imports from British dependencies since 1936, or half the period reviewed, which are an official secret.

Other Supply Sources

It is not known how much scrap steel was collected in Japan, Korea, Manchoukuo and controlled parts of China in the period. Some Japanese statements that such sources produced as much as was imported, making more than 12,000,000 tons for the six years, are obviously far too high. Other Japanese statements that domestic (which they mean as

Confiscated British products, including cigarettes, are said to have been "piled up like mountains" at the railway stations in Changchow, Wusih and Soochow.

Retail merchants have suffered a great deal but they still think it is fortunate that only their goods have been confiscated. In many cases, they themselves are detained.

They have learned of the Chinese victory in Nanning but none of them dares to give any expressions of joy.

including the mainland of Asia) scrap made 30 per cent. of the steel give a figure in excess of 10,000,000 tons for the six years, which is probably high.

Taking a conservative estimate of 6,000,000 tons for domestic generation of scrap steel for the period makes a total of at least 18,776,000 tons of scrap available for the Japanese steel industry in the six years.

Japan produced 19,035,000 net tons of pig iron in the period and imported 2,831,000 tons from 1934 to 1936. British India was a principal source of this material. No figures have been available since 1936, owing to the secrecy with respect to imports of various important materials from British-controlled areas. A conservative estimate is that 26,000,000 tons of pig iron was available for the Japanese steel industry in the period.

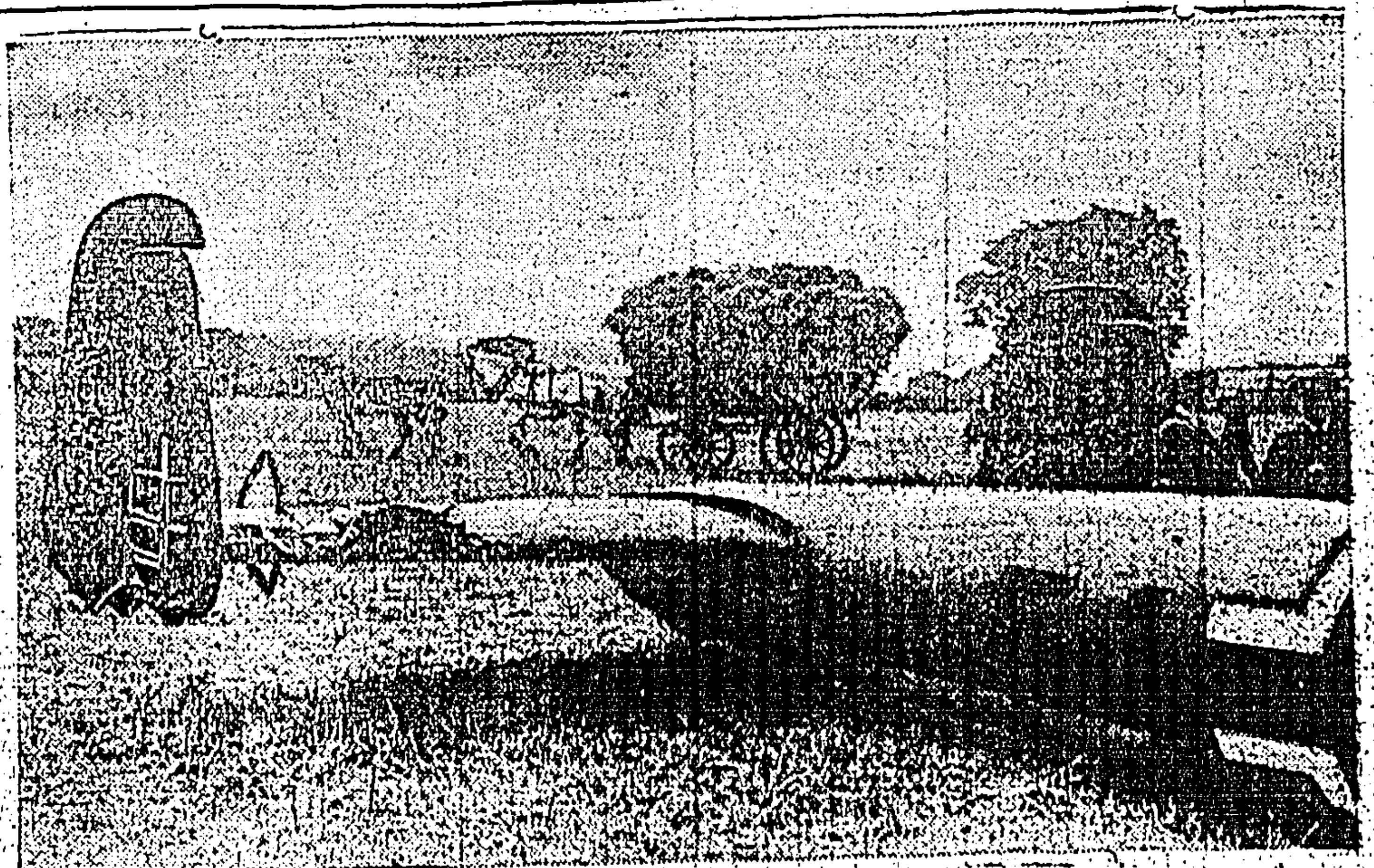
42,175,000 Tons Of Ingots

The 18,775,000 tons of scrap would produce 18,775,000 tons of steel and the 26,000,000 tons of pig iron would produce 23,400,000 tons of steel, without allowing for negligible losses and variations, or a total of 42,175,000 net tons of steel ingots.

Actual steel production was 35,500,000 net tons, leaving available materials for an additional 6,675,000 net tons of output, or virtually one year's supply. Japan produced 7,055,000 tons of steel in 1939, against 6,459,000 in 1938 and 6,468,000 in 1937. Production was 5,538,000 tons in 1936, against 5,442,000 in 1935 and 4,302,000 in 1934. The output was considerably lower in prior years, as were the figures on pig-iron output and imports and scrap steel imports.

The situation has not changed much thus far in 1940, despite the war in Europe, since Japan has been able to import and produce materials at a rate keeping her abreast of steel production, according to the best available estimates.

The American embargo will alter the situation considerably, but will not be very effective for many months.



WORK GOES ON IN BRITAIN—Germany would like you to believe that their aerial attacks are holding up work in Britain. This is what really is happening. Down in a field near the road has crashed a German bomber, farm workers with a load of hay pass and the wreckage of German hopes is such a common sight that they hardly turn their heads as they continue about their work.

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SINGAPORE

Triple-threat diplomacy by Germany, Italy and Japan brings Singapore to the intelligent attention of thousands of Americans to whom it had been only an exotic name. "The twain" meet at Singapore; it is the gateway between East and West, cross-roads of half a world.

The naval base which was opened there in 1938 is regarded as less vulnerable than Gibraltar, not to mention Hong Kong which has no hinterland. The symbolism of American cruisers at the Singapore ceremonies in February, 1938, is therefore heightened to-day by the open threats of the Axis-Tokyo partnership against the United States.

These threats have existed—implied—for years. That is one reason why American warships joined British at Singapore. Even when it was not clear that the totalitarian advance in Europe was an American concern, it was plain that the aggressive attitude of totalitarian States could become a threat to American interests. Possibly, therefore, Singapore has not seen the last of American warships.

From the day when Britain's plans for a naval base at Singapore began to take physical shape, this position was recognised not simply as of importance to Britain but to all nations with possessions or trade interests in Southern Asia. Australians have looked to the development of an Empire defence plan based on Singapore as one of the keystones in their defence.

The equipment of the Singapore base is most impressive, including great docks, repair shops, refuelling facilities, fortification with extremely heavy guns, and an air base. It is some ten miles from the city of Singapore and protected from the mainland by a vast impenetrable swamp. Its most notable weakness must be attributed not to any geographical defect nor to its equipment, which cost over £20,000,000 and took nearly fifteen years to complete, but to the Washington Treaty under which Britain reduced its Navy so drastically.

What Singapore needs is ships. A formidable fleet, say of eight battleships and their quota of auxiliary craft, might make Singapore synonymous with law and order in the Far East. The Sin-

During the last war there was much justified hatred of the "brass-hat" — the man who not only led the Army from behind, but who did so without any appreciation of the conditions at the front, or of the fact that soldiers were still human beings. We are told that this is a civilians' war with the civilians in the front line. But, whatever the hat, the head within it remains the same. This war is run largely by civilians for civilians. On every hand it is not the man in uniform who builds and directs the machine; with startling pervasiveness it is an army of civilians which controls every sector of national life. The brass-hat was marked out from his fellow soldiers by the ornaments of red tabs and a veritable forest of medals. Our civilian brass-hats have no insignia to distinguish them from the common herd. Yet, contemplating their works, the colossal muddles, the interminable red tape, the procrastination and laissez-faire attitude, one is forced to the conclusion that, when the civil servant enters his office, the ordinary citizen in him is left on the mat.

That there is serious incompetence, if no worse failings, in the civil service few people now doubt. War has revealed what was scarcely concealed in the last years of peace. None will deny that the civil service can produce brilliant and capable administrators and organisers, such as Sir Wilfrid Eady. But it is a mark of the paucity of such talent that Sir Wilfrid Eady has had to hold three important posts in five years to organise new services for the Government. An administrative system which fails to produce or attract great administrators must be radically wrong. The civil service to-day is for the most part recruited under much the same conditions and organised in much the same way as it was in days when there was no contact between the Government and industry, when social services were rudimentary, and when the occasional decisions which had to be reached could be taken at his leisure by the Minister concerned, after a long and leisurely procedure of departmental examination. In ordinary commercial life, the civil service administrative system of lengthy memoranda and committees would surely bring bankruptcy in its train, even if it was not accompanied by the type of mentality which appears to find its special home in the civil

Bankruptcy Of The Civil Service

(A Cutting From "Truth")

service. Civil servants are given no responsibility and they develop no sense of responsibility. Few regard themselves in any sense as the servants of the public. To them the public, and especially that part which is foolish enough to earn its living by producing goods, is something to be, if not despised, at least looked down upon from the Olympian heights, in whose rarefied atmosphere it appears inconceivable that a particular individual should really need

as a matter of bare existence, a decision to be taken within a week, much less a day or an hour.

It is the same type of civil servant who takes most delight in observing the full traditional procedure of memoranda and committees and conferences. His memoranda may be works of considerable literary merit of an academic type. But they are interminable and indeterminate. Not being publicly responsible for the action taken, he is not concerned

to make concrete recommendations. Impressed from his first days with the necessity of being judicious, he invariably seeks refuge in a verdict of "not proven." The same civil servants delight in going from committee to committee like fashionable ladies from tea-party to tea-party, where they will exchange their witticisms and the scandal of the parish. All points of view will be put, but little action will result. The committee reaches its perfection when the interests of a number of departments conflict. There must be co-ordination. Co-ordination, at best, means a compromise on half-hearted action which represents the highest common factor of agreement. More often the highest factor of agreement is a unanimous decision to do nothing. It is exceedingly rare that an inter-departmental committee settles down with the genuine intention of finding the best way of achieving an object, even if it means over-riding the unimportant interests of a few departments.

One conviction held deeply and seriously by all civil servants is that the civil service is the last word in good administration and that without the press and the public, who always want the impossible or the inadvisable, the country, or what would be left of it, would be run perfectly. They are, moreover, quite convinced that the secrets of good administration have been given only to the select band of permanent civil servants and that, while an increase in their numbers might be good for the country and for themselves, an expansion in their ranks by the introduction of interlopers trained to quicker methods in more mundane walks of life is a thing to be strongly opposed. Civil servants are not merely a very close trades union. They are a jealous clique. They hate with an intense jealousy the temporary civil servants introduced since the outbreak of war.

There is no single cure for these ills. But the evil spirit pervading much of the civil service must be cut out, root and branch. It is not merely a problem for post-war consideration. It affects the very dynamic of our war-machine. The only immediate remedy is the utterly ruthless eradication of all individuals who display these vices. After the war we can discuss new administrative methods and new methods of recruitment. The one certainty is that it must not be left to civil servants to mend their system.

"THE CUBS ARE WITH YOU, DAD!"



From "The Argus" (Melbourne)

Still A Quiet Hour

By Ivor Brown

The rain, we know, rains mostly on the just because "the unjust have the just's umbrellas." War twenty years ago fell mainly upon youth, at least in this country, whose general privation, though severe, never approached the unendurable. But this time much of the luck lies neither with the sexes nor the generation but with the locality. To be old and rich in 1914 was to be certainly old and probably far richer, if still alive, in 1918. But this time increase of wealth is, to our credit, extremely unlikely. Nobody, we hope, is having a good war; but some are having far less trouble than others. It all depends on where you live. Better a cottage in Cumberland than a castle in Kent.

When in the middle of 1940 the war became for Britain mainly a sea-and-air war this new kind of territorial injustice was the more emphasised. It had its ironies. Those who had most carefully made their arrangements for security found that they had chosen the wrong burrow. For a while London had the smile of South Devon and other supposedly Arcadian, untroubled, and paradisaical places. Then that tide turned and there was no particular pleasure to be discovered by dwelling in what the house agents call "the Surrey Highlands" or by communing with Kipling's "blue goodness of the Weald." But if you went

farther north the goodness of the hills, whether blue or green, was never better than in this meteorologically magnificent summer of 1940.

When the first great air assault was being made by the massed German planes I happened to be playing croquet at Buxton. Croquet is a gentle pastime, in the best Elizabethan sense of the word, a mannerly, companionable, graceful exercise demanding immense precision of eye and hand, a calculating, forward-thinking, almost mathematical mind, and an imperturbable patience and mastery of temper. It happens in pleasant places and consumes serene and sunlit hours. Planning your break while you wait for your opponent's hand to slip is indeed a green thought in a green shade. Croquet, of course, is a form of strife, as all games are, a form in which the arrival of the foe to break up your strategy, which reached towards celestial triumphs, may be likened to the remorseless action of a dive bomber. Yet, for all its raids and revenges, croquet somehow is the symbol of tranquil and untroubled years.

That such soft sylvan music as the click of the mallet or the prattle of the bowlers on the neighbouring and exquisite lawns should be serenely played while the infernal orchestra screamed over counties not an hour's flight away seemed preposterous and utterly unjust.

After my croquet I walked in Derbyshire on that afternoon of massed murder in the not-so-far South-east. It was a day of breeze and brilliance, turning grey to gold. Standing on the platform of that simple little station marked on my ticket as Chapel-en-le-Frith, I saw the shire, not usually to be set among our more gaily coloured counties, rolling away northward. It was a terrestrial ocean, a tumble of reared and crested land waves, an undulant majesty of grit and lime-

stone combars; these seas, so often grey beneath a grizzling sky, were now serene and shimmering in "fantastic summer's heat." Between me and Chapel itself crickets flashed white, while a hearty, thumping batsman heaved all his crouched bulk into a gigantic pull: it was the kind of glorious village clout which sets men running five or six while the bemused fielder wades ankle-deep in the long grass.

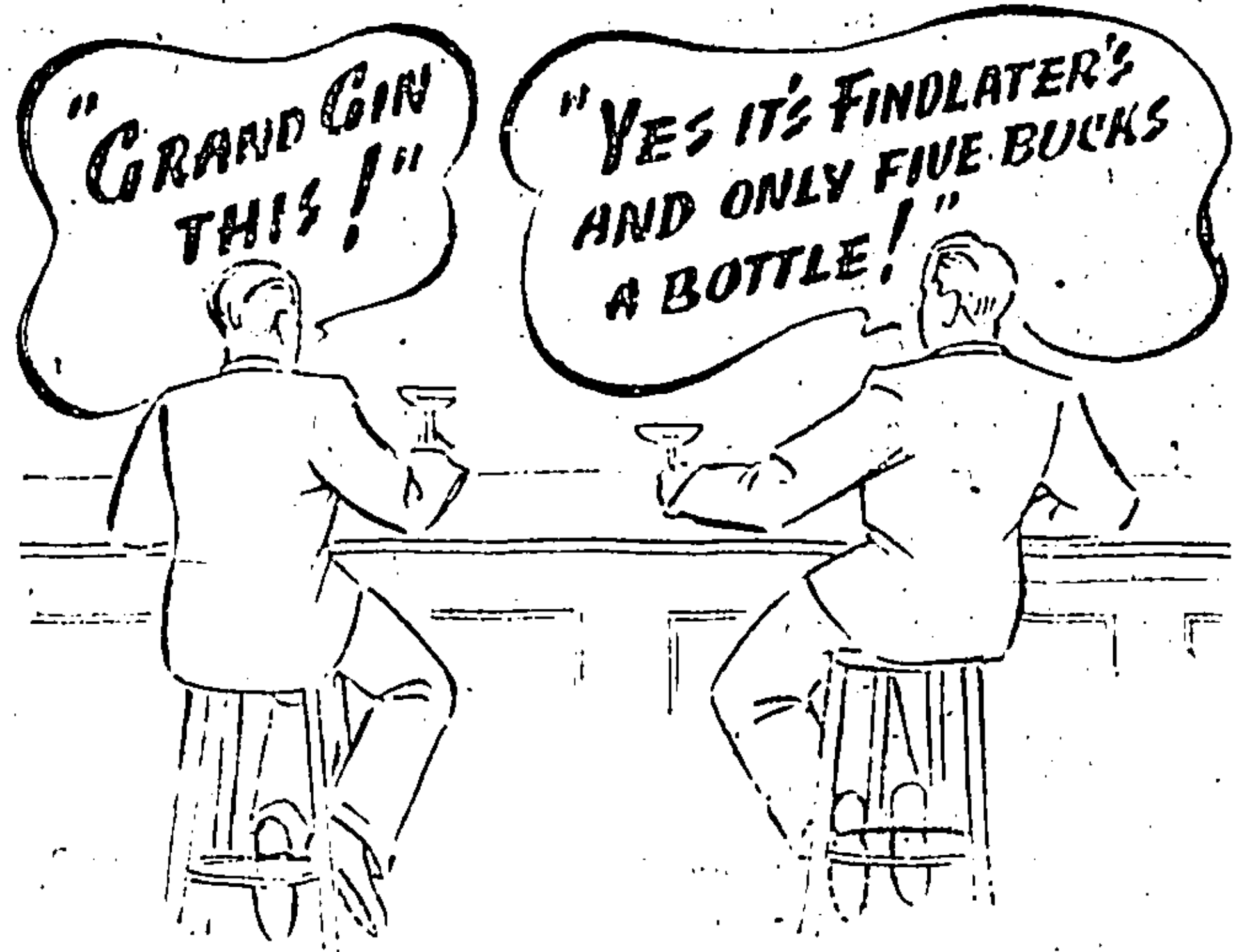
This 1940? Never. It was the high and serene summer of any halcyon year when the sun shone and men were glad. Drake, bowling at Plymouth, was never pinned to more pacific grass or set against a better backcloth of the English scene. And elsewhere? Well, stranger still, while the hell's tattoo was sounding incessantly beside the cricket fields of Kent, above merry Dover, where Lancashire men have so often been most mettlesome, over august Canterbury and Tonbridge, great nurse of men, one Sergeant Compton was going his playboy way to a century at Lord's, just as if life were young again and the sky a fleecy mattress for smiling Cupids or pacific cherubim.

He would be foolish who wished these trifles away. One indignant but misguided lady had complained at the sight of so much lawn in Buxton; she would have had nothing but cabbage-patch, planting sprouts and savoy where the bowlers strove on their patch of green velvet; she would have sown gross cauliflowers where the croquet hoops and tennis nets now stood. I take leave to think that the amount of cabbage now growing in this country is sufficient to sadden the palate, while it may satisfy the stomachs, of all our millions. The perfect lawn is so very native and noble a thing, the belated and very necessary dividend of our grey, moist, misty winters, that he who would destroy or diminish these sweet, calm, and consoling spaces is doing

more for Hitler by his barbarism than he is for Britain by his horticulture. There are infinite patches still for the potato; must the greens we eat consume the nobler greens of our more gracious games?

Let all such beauties and quietudes be protected and sustained. A piece of good grass and green shade is the symbol of the spirit's peace, as Marvell knew. To describe a lawn, as did the author of "Leaves of Grass," as "the handkerchief of the Lord, a scented gift and remembrance designedly dropt," may smack too much of sentiment for the ordinary taste. But when we are thinking of the cruel contrasts of this war, of the harassed village and the hamlet undisturbed, of slumbrous vicarage gardens and the roaring, blasted heath; let us at least flee from the fallacy that we redeem one loss by inflicting another.

To those enduring the fearful risks and strains of aerial battle and to those who suffer the prolonged and grinding discipline of continual warnings and of vigils long enforced, the undimmed and tranquil hour may seem a far-off, impossible bliss. Descending yet again to a cellar more stuffy than cool and listening to the drone of death above and without, we may easily be jealous of the Penning shepherd or the silvered seniors taking tea or sport upon our English lawns; but there is a pleasure, too, if bitter-sweet, in thinking of the good affairs of Great Gable, burnished in the autumn sun, of the tumbling Tees at Cauldron Snout, of a desperate putt which seemed to flag, then struggled up and fell. Somewhere amid the din, the squall, and the danger memory tells of quiet hours for hope, to recreate and minds to feed upon. Sentimental? Escapist? Call it what you will. Still the happiest way to sit among the sandbags is to think of green places once more to be trodden, savoured, and possessed.



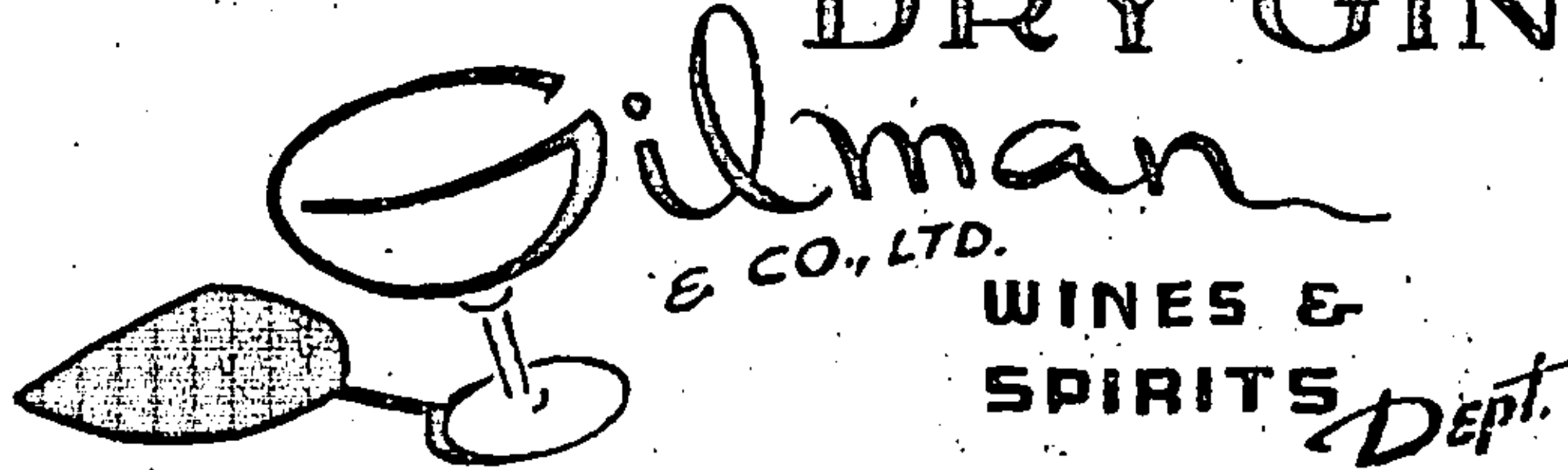
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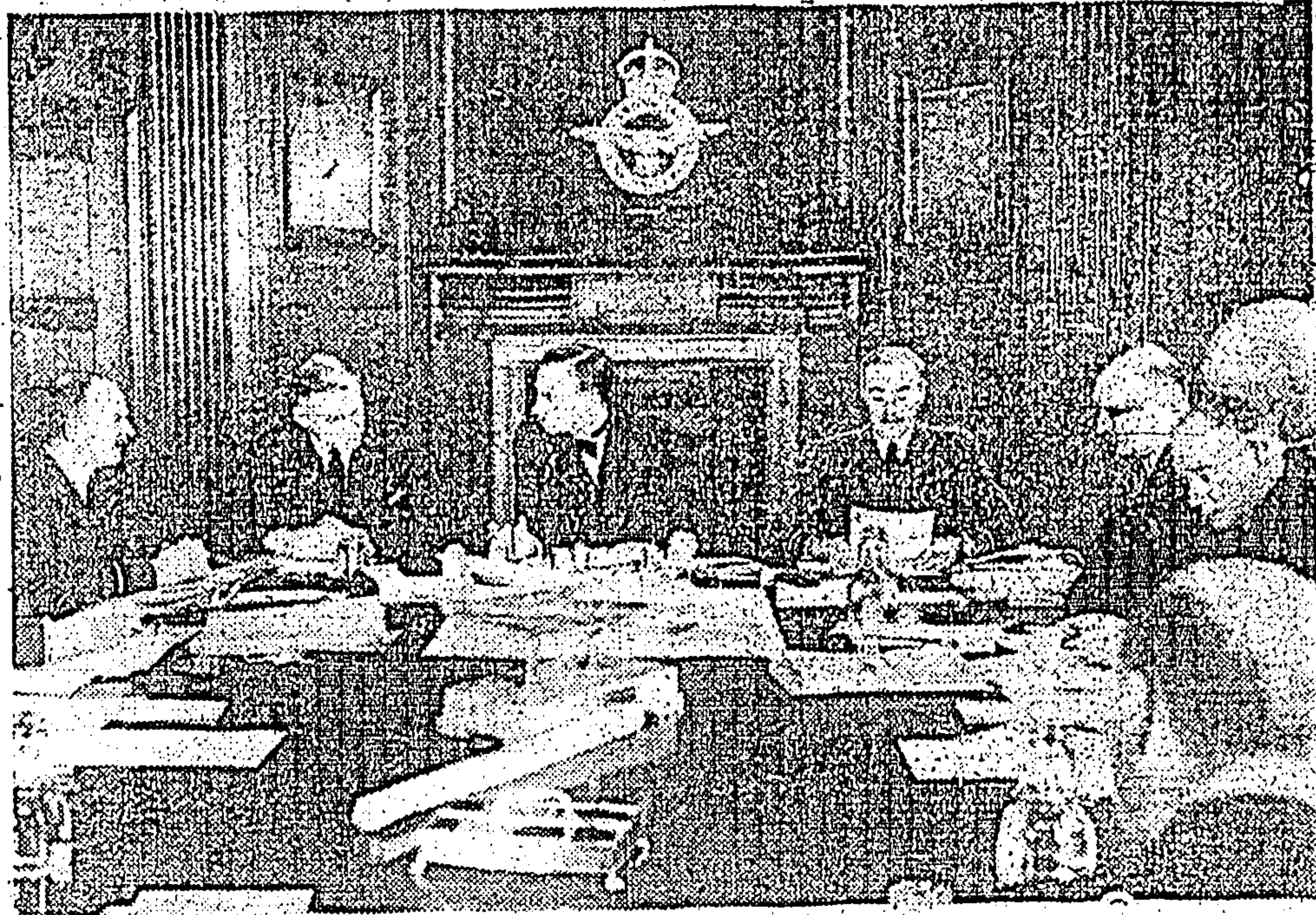
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A meeting of the British Air Council at the Air Ministry, the Royal Air Force's headquarters in London. Sir Archibald Sinclair (centre), Air Minister, leans over to say a word to Air Marshal E. L. Gossage, Air Member for Personnel. On Sir Archibald's left is Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, who has just resigned as Chief of the Air Staff and on his right is Captain H. A. Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air.

NAZI ECONOMICS IN OCCUPIED AREAS

EVIDENTLY GERMANY is pursuing the same subtle economic policy in the occupied territories as she followed in the Balkans under the guidance of Dr. Schacht and Dr. Funk. The similarity of the methods adopted in exploiting these countries for Germany's own ends is the subject of expert comment in London.

The main Nazi aim in South-eastern Europe was so to link the economic systems of the Reich with those territories that they would remain attached financially and commercially even in case of war.

The Germans bought the agricultural produce of the Balkans on long-term contracts, often at above world quotations, and assured those countries a steady sale over a number of years. As a result the latter gained extended credits with which they could purchase what the Reich chose to offer, which was largely armaments and machinery and sometimes goods of the now almost proverbial "aspirin and mouth-organ" type.

But as the flow of goods to Germany was much more regular than the supply in return, the Balkans in most cases accumulated large credit balances in Berlin.

Another disadvantage was that the Nazis might charge heavily for their goods or might insist on an unfair valuation of the mark. The latter trick was worked on the Rumanians.

At the same time the Balkans, by selling so much of their produce to the Reich, could not supply other markets in free exchange countries and were therefore unable to acquire free currencies. Thus they were deprived of goods from such countries.

Under these conditions the fate of the Balkans was to become the ladder of Germany and to see their factory industries gradually vanish. In order to make up deficiencies in the Reich they were obliged, for instance, to plant increasing areas to soybeans and sun flower. Denmark has now to plant more oil-seeds.

Two-Way Inflation

In the occupied territories very much the same type of exploitation is proceeding, but on an extended and rather refined scale. In these cases, however, there is no limit to the accumulation of clearing balances against Germany. The invaded lands can go on exporting to the Reich and receive no goods in return.

In Belgium credit is given by the Central Bank to exporters who have sold to Germany. Thereby a two-way inflation is created, since the more goods leave the country, the more money circulates in it. The German clearing debt to Denmark at

the beginning of July was estimated at 150,000,000kr., and the Danish export surplus in less than three months of German occupation at 200,000,000kr. This figure is remarkable, as it is identical with that of Denmark's normal quarterly exports to all countries (not her quarterly export surplus).

As in the Balkans, so in the occupied territories, there has also been manipulation of the rate of exchange to the advantage, of course, of the invader.

For example, the French franc is now valued at 20 to the mark; the Belgian franc, which at the time of the occupation was 10 to the mark, has gone to 12.5, while the Dutch guilder has moved from 0.67 to 0.75. Similarly, the goods which the occupied territories can import, and their price, are entirely in the power of the Reich. None can be brought from overseas.

Therefore the Germans do not have to undersell competitors and can charge what they like. Nor do the Nazi Government need to subsidise exporters in order to keep prices down.

German Admissions

From all this evidence it is clear that in the same way as the Balkan economic system was re-planned to meet German needs, the occupied territories would be reduced to the status of agricultural countries supplying an industrial conqueror.

The standard of living would be lowered just as that of the Poles and Czechs. Some frank admissions of these objects have been made in the German Press and broadcasts.

Hilversum gave a plain hint to Holland saying: "It is economic madness for every country to try to produce everything from pins to large machines. Nor should large industries be established which do not pay their way."

The "Volksrecht" Beobachter announced recently that "with the German talent for organisation French food resources would be exploited to the full extent. We Germans are just as much interested in the French harvest as the French themselves." In short, Nazi methods in the

"PROTECTION" NOT WANTED

Representatives of the Swiss Legation, representing German affairs in Britain, have recently been permitted by the Home Office to visit internment camps to offer internees the protection of the Swiss Government.

It is understood that in nearly every case avowed Nazis have availed themselves of the offer, while anti-Nazis have refused, stating they prefer the protection of the British Government.

TRAPPED MOTHER RESCUED

A young mother, trapped with her baby under the wreckage of her London suburban home when it was bombed, was rescued by A.R.P. workers, twenty-seven hours after they first heard her cry. "Please help me and my baby."

The woman was unconscious. The rescue squads, working in shifts, had to dig 15 feet before they could reach her.

One of them told a reporter: "We were not sure where to dig at first, as we did not know whether the inhabitants of the houses were in basement cellars or shelters."

"The mother's cry guided us."

The Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls and the Blind Home, Pokfulam are holding a United Sale of Work at Phillips House, Mody Road, Kowloon, to-day.

occupied territories are a natural sequel to Dr. Funk's statement of July 25 on the economic reconstruction of Europe, which concluded with these words: "Every European country is to develop its own economic resources and to trade with other countries, but the principles and methods regulating such trade will have to be more or less German."



Eastern clothes and Western arms . . . Men of the Arab Legion, almost entirely made up of Bedouin Arabs, patrol the deserts of Transjordan and fight with the British.

PLEASURE SHIP KEEPS WATCH IN CHANNEL

THOUGH GREY war paint now covers her peace-time white and gold, it cannot disguise the lines of an excursion steamer familiar to tens of thousands of holiday-makers, writes a correspondent.

She is H.M.S. Anonymous now, and she shares with many other craft a ceaseless day and night patrol around the coasts of Britain. Pom-pom guns and a searchlight complete her transformation from pleasure steamer to man-o'-war.

Her task is to watch for any signs of enemy movement and to report the passage of air raiders on their way coastwards.

I spent one night on-board the Anonymous anchored out of sight of land—farthest outpost off this part of the coast.

Thanks largely to our vessel and her nameless sister ships convoys pass safely almost every day. If any aircraft comes within range our guns and searchlight are ready. Until then the ship is silent in a black-out so complete that no man may even smoke a cigarette on deck.

Unseen Watchers

Our role is to watch unseen. This night there is a stir of anticipation on board. Over the ship's radio a report has been received from R.A.F. reconnaissance aircraft that there is "activity" off the enemy coast. German vessels are on the move.

Perhaps they are only "provocateurs." Perhaps they are transports hugging their own coast. But there is a possibility that they are headed this way. The thought gives an added keenness to the watch. But though no surface craft is sighted the whole night through, we had not long to wait for activity in the air.

"Target" shouts the look-out man, and a couple of seconds later the officer of the watch calls out the raider's position to the captain. At intervals the officer reports its bearings and distance. The plane is crossing our bows from port to starboard, too distant but coming nearer. As a certain bearing and height are called the captain gives an order for one of the starboard guns to be ready to fire. Two steel-helmeted figures step quietly forward from the shadows below the bridge. The bomber is almost within range. A tense thirty seconds pass. Then the officer of the watch

gives a new position, with a shade of disappointment in his voice. "Stand easy," the captain calls in almost conversational tones, to the gun crew below. The plane has passed out of range.

Suddenly the midnight silence is torn by the ringing of electric bells throughout the ship. Action stations! Sleeping men spring to their feet, seize life jackets and helmets and race for the companion way, agile shadows scamper along the dark decks.

In a few seconds without an order being given every man has reached his station. Every gun is manned and ready. The raider has at last come within range. Bearings are called and a blinding beam leaps from our searchlight. One of the pom-poms opens a rattle of fire. Our target has been identified as a bomber making seaward, returning probably from a raid on London. Stained seconds pass as the gun shudders and the searchlight prods the sky. But in less than a minute the chance of securing a hit has gone. Jerry is lucky this time.

Night Raiders

So the night passes. Targets are heard and they fly onward out of range. But all are reported to the guns on shore, each report diminishing the raiders' chances of reaching his objective unhindered.

From the distant shore come continual flashes of anti-aircraft gunfire showing that "targets" which pass too high for us are being tackled elsewhere.

Those who man this outpost of Britain's defences come from many walks of life. All the officers are reservists or volunteer reservists. One of them, a former merchant service officer, was stage-managing a West End play when war broke out. Another, a young man, who had spent all his spare time spilling, was accounting to a hotel in Portsmouth.

DESTROYERS' "DAY OFF"

At sea, says the Navy, this is the destroyers' war. Any sailor will remind you that we began this war with only a quarter of the number of destroyers that we had in 1914. That is the importance of the fifty from the United States, and that is why destroyers are perhaps the busiest of British warships. When they can be spared from patrol and escort duties they must turn out for warlike exercises that change their tactical character as the war goes on.

A correspondent spent a day at sea recently with a flotilla of destroyers that packed into eight hours tactical exercises that might in peace-time have been spread over as many weeks. These ships practised shooting of many types, a description of which, of course, I am not allowed to give.

Smoke-Screens

The flotilla then practised the laying of a smoke-screen and the co-ordination of its searchlights. Practical work at sea in this war has demonstrated the value of smoke-screens. Operations in Norwegian waters, and especially the Altmark foray, have shown the advantage that powerful searchlights, skilfully used, can give to an attacking naval force.

These operations he had watched from the high bridge or from the transmission-room of the flotilla leader. For the last exercise, a torpedo attack at speed, he went down to the extreme stern of the ship. There, only a couple of feet above the water, he could see the creamy turmoil of their own wake as high as a man above him and their flotilla racing through a sea which the ships lunged as high as their own bridges.

Before he had watched the flotilla in line ahead from our own bridge, each ship slicing two high blue-and-white arcs from the grey sea, each ship with a smaller replica behind it, and the ensign at our own stern-post the foreground to the whole picture. That had been a fine sight, but one that can be seen in too many films and on too many patriotic postcards. A flotilla tearing to the attack seen from amongst them and at sea-level is a rarer and a fiercer spectacle.

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Race No. 5. Castle Peak Handicap—First Section.

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Weights in the above have been reduced 5 lb. all round.

The correct weights will appear in the Race Book.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th November, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The ELEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th November, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

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Secretary.

Hong Kong 11th Nov., 1940.

BRIDGE NOTES

BRIDGE SWINDLES — NO. 13

By The Four Aces

"The hand is quicker than the eye," the magician tells you, but the secret is misdirection; and West made use of the same principle in to-day's hand:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K 9 8 4
♥ K 5 2
♦ K J 10 4
♣ K 5

♠ J 6 5 2
♥ J 6
♦ 9 8 7 2
♣ 7 6 2

♠ A 10 7 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ A Q
♣ A Q J 10

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
10	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Jack of hearts, dummy ducked, and East signalled encouragement with the ten. West led his other heart and East won with the heart Queen and laid down the heart Ace. It was at this point that West found a way to execute a neat swindle.

He realised that his Jack of trumps was worthless unless his partner had the blank Queen. For if South had both the Ace and Queen of trumps, he would surely win the first two tricks in his own hand, and thus find out that West had started with four trumps. It would then be easy to finesse through West's trumps. So West's only real chance was to confuse South into the hope that East had the blank Queen-Jack of trumps.

West's play was to trump his partner's Ace of hearts! Then he returned a diamond. South won and naturally assumed that West's trumps were worthless since he could afford to trump his partner's Ace.

So when South's Ace of spades dropped East's Queen, he decided that East was trying a crude false-card with the doubleton Queen-Jack. Therefore he played the King of spades from the dummy on the next trick, and West was then assured of the setting trick.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J 7 3 2
♥ 9 7 6 3
♦ A Q
♣ 9 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Schenken	Maier
1♥	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. Despite your high-card strength, your hand is not good for enough actual tricks to warrant a vulnerable overcall.

Your length in hearts indicates that the opening bidder's partner will have no fit for that suit and will therefore be inclined to look for a penalty double if he has a fair hand.

Score 100% for pass, 60% for one spade.

Question No. 563

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ A Q 7
♥ A K 6 3
♦ 9 5
♣ K J 7 4

The bidding:

You	Maier	Schenken	Jacoby
1♥	2♥		Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED

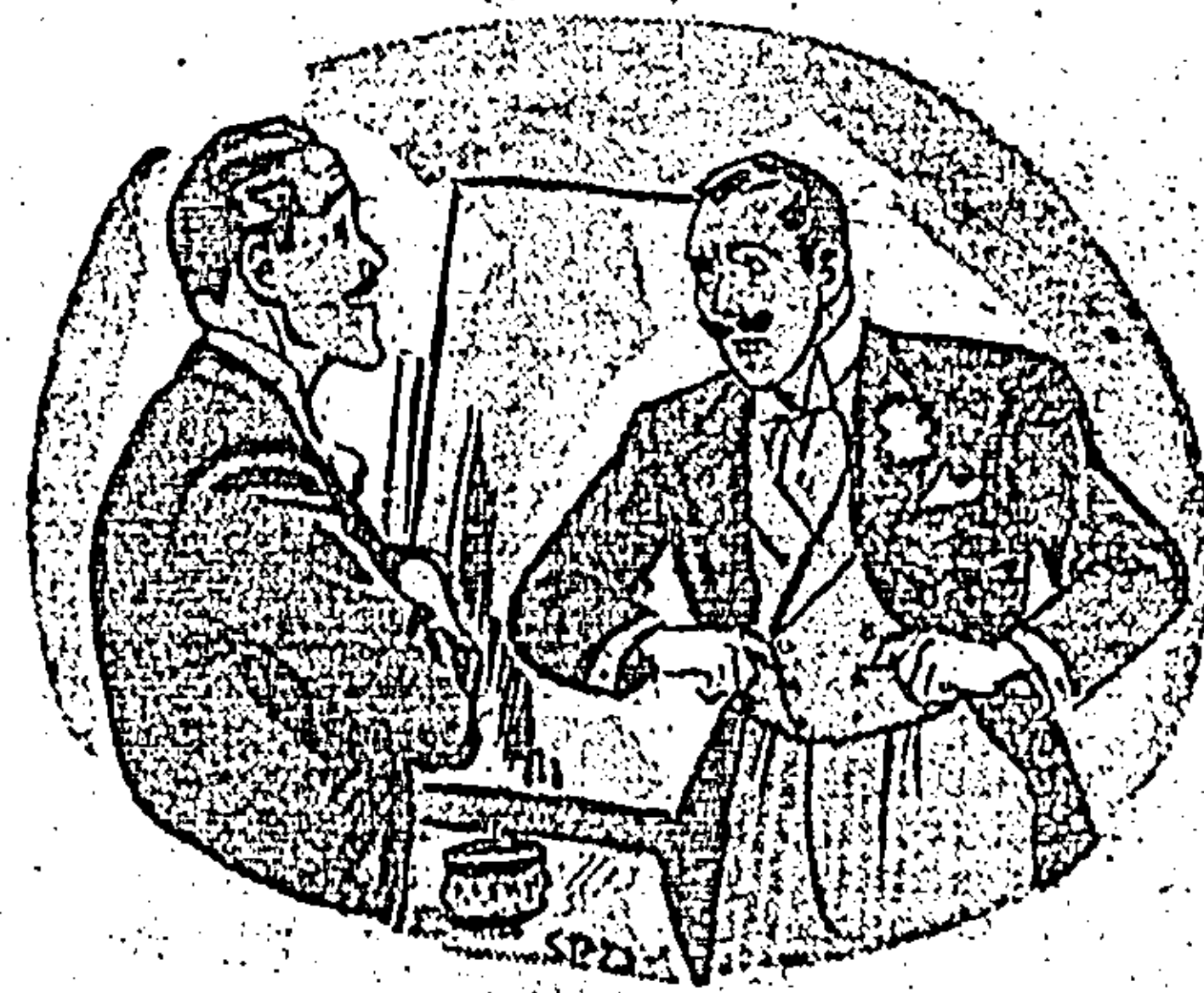


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"Oh yes. Of course. So it is. Ha! Ha! Funny if I lost it. Yes. I say—let's go over this business once more. Now what do I do when..."

"My dear Peter, look at your tie. Pull yourself together. Remember, I'm the man who's going to be married, not you."

"Oh. Are you? I mean yes—of course. Fact is, old boy, I'm in a rather weak state. That celestial"

tion of yours last night. Oh my poor head. I'm sure I won't be able to squeeze it into that wretched topper."

"If you'd only taken my advice last night and stuck to gin and Rose's..."

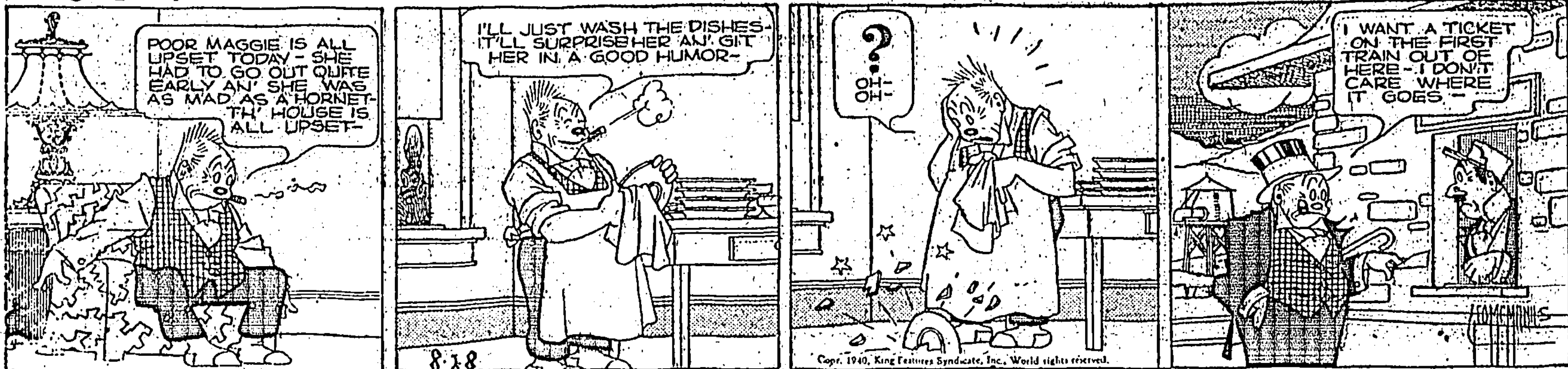
"Rose's? Oh yes. For the bridesmaids. I thought you said they were to be carnations."

"Rose's Lime Juice, blockhead! Prevents hangovers. Therapeutic action. I wish I'd rammed a quart of it down your silly throat. Next time I get married, Peter, remember—you stuck to gin and Rose's the night before."

"Oh yes. Thanks for the tip. I will. I say—Charles—where did I put that ring? I could have sworn..."

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Ten Timely Suggestions

No girl is born a belle—she usually earns her popularity by being interesting to talk with and most personable in her appearance. Many very popular girls are not beautiful—but they are attractive for they have the sense to make the most of themselves.

They see that they exercise out of doors or at home on a mat. They find stretching movements make them graceful, bumps and thumps keep their figures streamlined!

They sleep sufficiently to keep eyes sparkling, skin clear and dispositions engaging! If one night keeps them up too late they hop into bed earlier the next night. Cat naps in the afternoon taken in the "beauty-angle" with feet higher than head builds beauty.

They watch their menus. They eat enough for strength and ignore between-meal-snacks at the corner drugstore. They know plenty of fruit and many salads during summer should be the major part of their nourishment.

They keep hair glossy with care—much brushing, regular shampoos every ten days or two weeks, and frequent scalp massages. During summer they never allow sun or salt water dim their

features. Vanity goes to that!

They take the trouble to learn how to preserve their teeth. Semiannual examinations are good you know, but daily care of brushing, chewing, and using dental floss are more important. They keep mouths free of acid "keep 'em healthy."

They realise skin health is the foundation of skin beauty. Cleanliness is first in their thoughts so that means daily tubbings, facial shampoos after cream cleansings. Pimples make-up is never covered with fresh.

They take time to study how much make-up they should wear. No occasion finds them with too much rouge and powder and lipstick. They make-up their lips always, and for sports they even though it might have taken them an hour to dress! No secret styles, subtle cosmetic artistry!

They sense the importance of personal cleanliness. No day, no matter how sweltering, finds them limp. Fresh as a daisy and as sweet smelling as a freshly bathed babe, is their motto. Depilatories, anti-perspirants, deodorants, shields and refreshing colognes are stocked regularly. Lingerie touches of dress

are kept immaculate. Nails are beauty assets always.

They check on fatigue or other ailment. Good health, good looks: poor health, no beauty.

They take study or work in their stride and know when to take time for play. All work, no play makes Susie a dull doll!

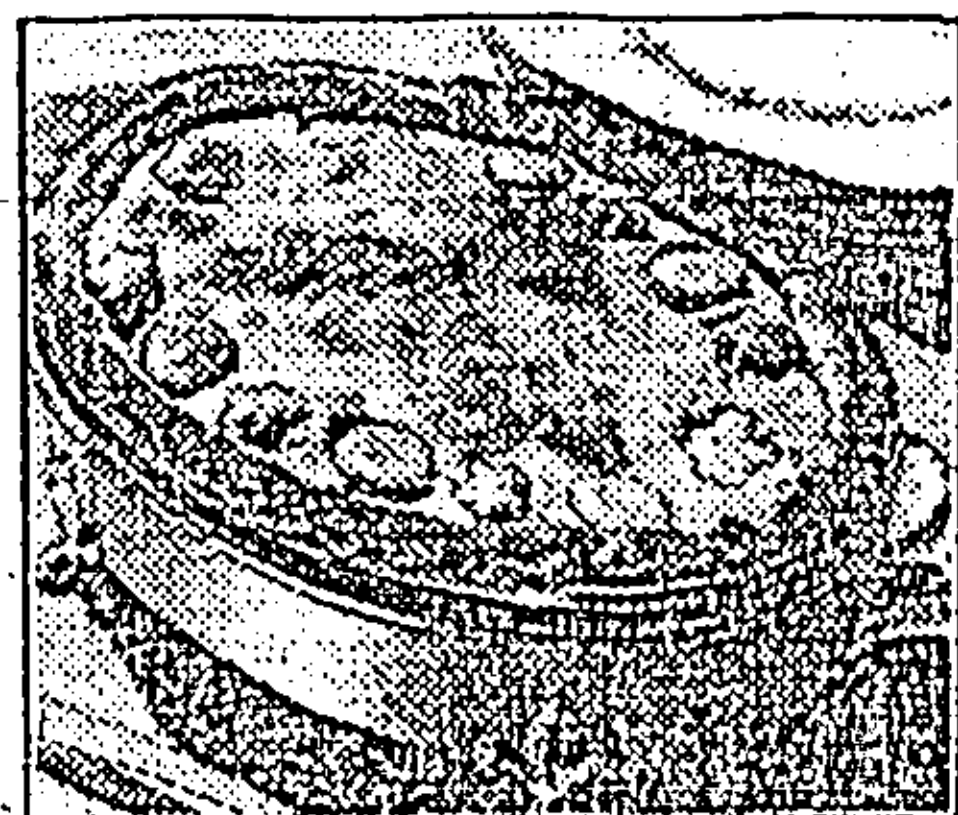
They value their femininity and put a high price upon it. Swains dance attendance and handle them with reverence for a belle, who masters poise through self-confidence, can usually choose her own stag line! She keeps lovely for the joy of it and men proudly seek her company!

A HOT MAIN-DISH PIE for a Gadabout Day

by Dorothy Greig

WHEN mother would remark, "That's a dish to save for one of my Gadabout days," we knew the dish in question was a simple one to prepare. On shopping days, club days, church meeting days, one of her "gadabout" dishes was certain to turn up for the evening meal.

And it's a good idea to keep in mind a few extra easy dishes for just such busy outside days. The hot pie I am going to tell you about is of that sort.



It is hearty and satisfying with hard-cooked eggs and salmon as its mainstay, and condensed clam chowder, soup for a deeply-flavorful sauce. And it boasts a superb cheese pastry crust. When that crust is broken into and the helpings lifted smoking hot and savory, onto warmed plates... ah, my dears, here is food to be relished.

You can save last minute preparation time by hard-cooking the eggs at breakfast time and also by working the pastry and putting it to chill in the refrigerator before you go out.

Egg and Salmon Pie with Cheese Crust

1 can condensed clam chowder
1/2 cup milk
1 can (1 pound) salmon
3 hard-cooked eggs
Stir the milk into the clam chowder. Slice the eggs and arrange the slices in the bottom of a buttered casserole. Pour one-half of the clam chowder (which has been mixed with the milk) over the sliced eggs. Then arrange the layer of flaked salmon (from which the bones and dark skin have been removed) in the casserole. Pour the remaining clam chowder over the salmon. Cover with the cheese crust.

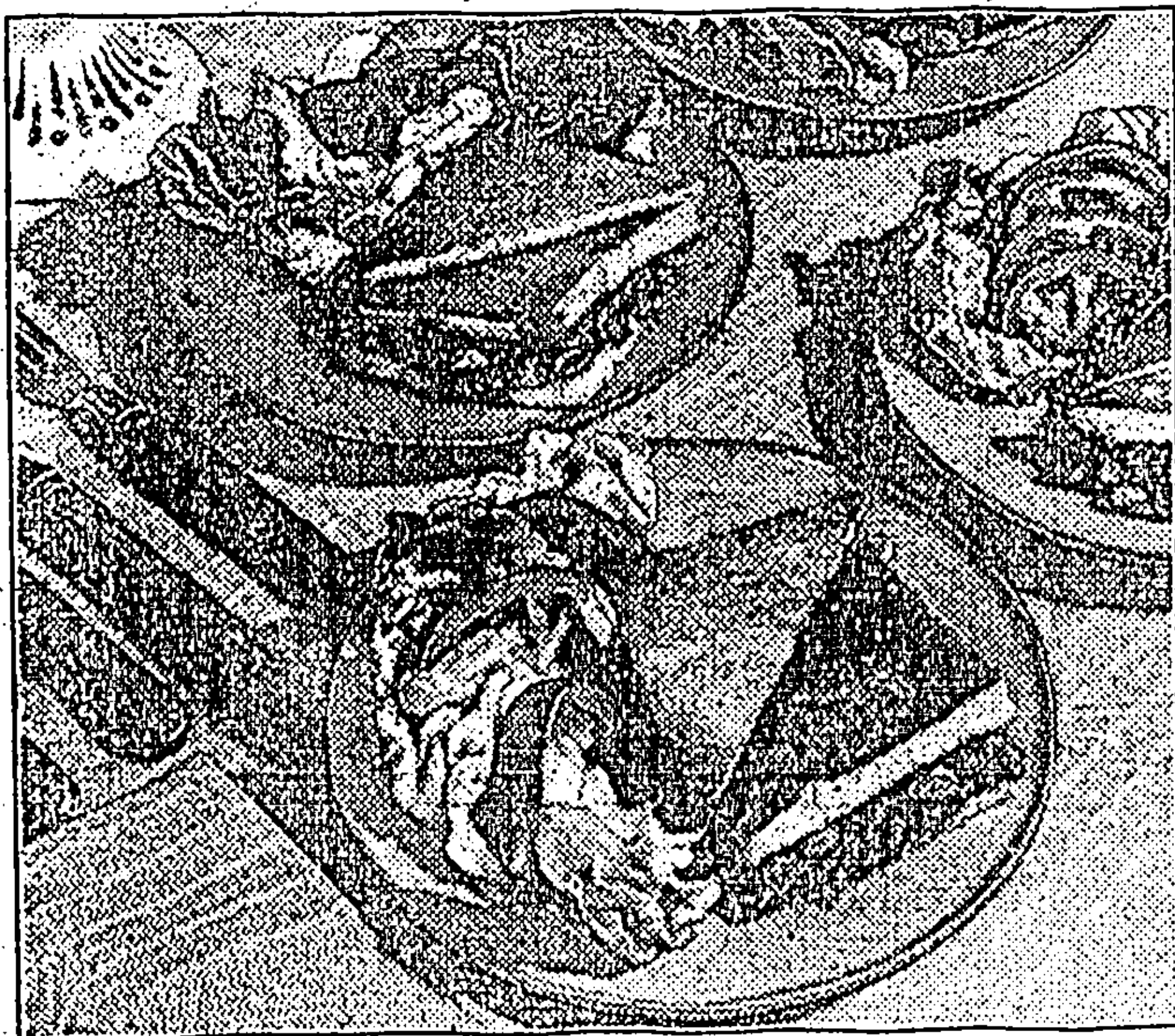
Cheese Crust
1 1/2 cups sifted flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup shortening
2-4 tablespoons cold water
1/2 cup grated cheese

Sift flour, measure, add salt and sift again. Cut in the shortening. Add water gradually and mix with a fork, adding only enough water to hold the mixture together. Chill thoroughly in the refrigerator. Roll out on a slightly floured board, then sprinkle with the 1/2 cup grated cheese. Fold over 3 times and roll out again. Put cheese crust on Egg and Salmon Pie and bake in a hot oven (450°) for 25-35 minutes.

PORK and BEANS

suggested by Dorothy Greig

A CERTAIN small boy I know announced importantly one day, "I like beans." "Why do you like pork and beans?" inquired his grandmother. "Because," said our young fry patting his round little tummy, "they fill me up nice and full."



Tasty Bean Sandwiches can be quickly whipped together for a quick supper or luncheon dish.

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Of course, pork and beans are a fine dish, heated just as they come from the can. That's just one way of serving them, however. There are others. For instance, how about this sandwich?

Tasty Bean Sandwich
1 can (16 oz.) pork and beans
3 tablespoons sweet relish (Ancho)
1 relish, sweet pickle relish
3 tablespoons salad dressing or mayonnaise

Mash the beans and add relish and salad dressing, mix thoroughly. Spread between slices of toast or

bread. Makes 8 sandwiches.

Place one of these on a plate, add sliced tomatoes and lettuce on the side... good—and filling. For a quick supper on a Sunday evening, I recommend it.

My next suggestion for pork and beans is a hot casserole. I like this particularly well on a day that's sharp.

Tomato and Bean Casserole
1 can pork and beans (16 oz.)
1 tomato
3 slices bacon
Salt and pepper

Put the pork and beans in two individual casseroles. Make a nest in the top of casserole of pork and beans and place one-half tomato in each. Sprinkle tomatoes with salt and pepper. Cut the slices of bacon in half and place three pieces over beans and tomatoes. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven for 20-25 minutes.

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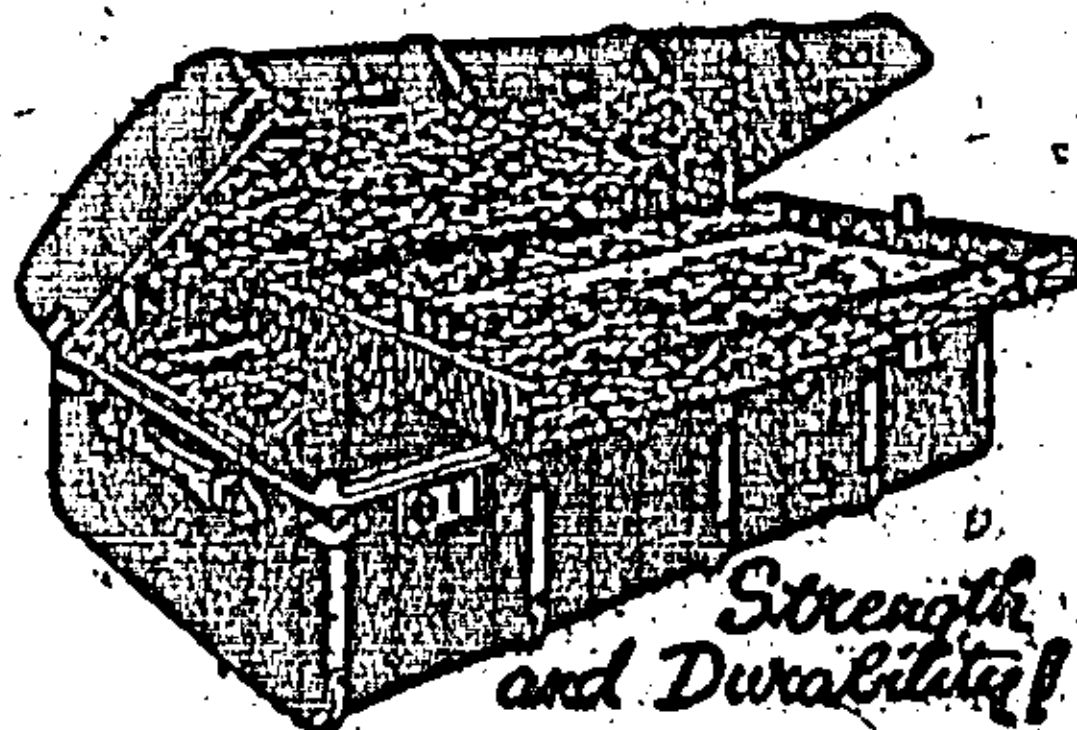
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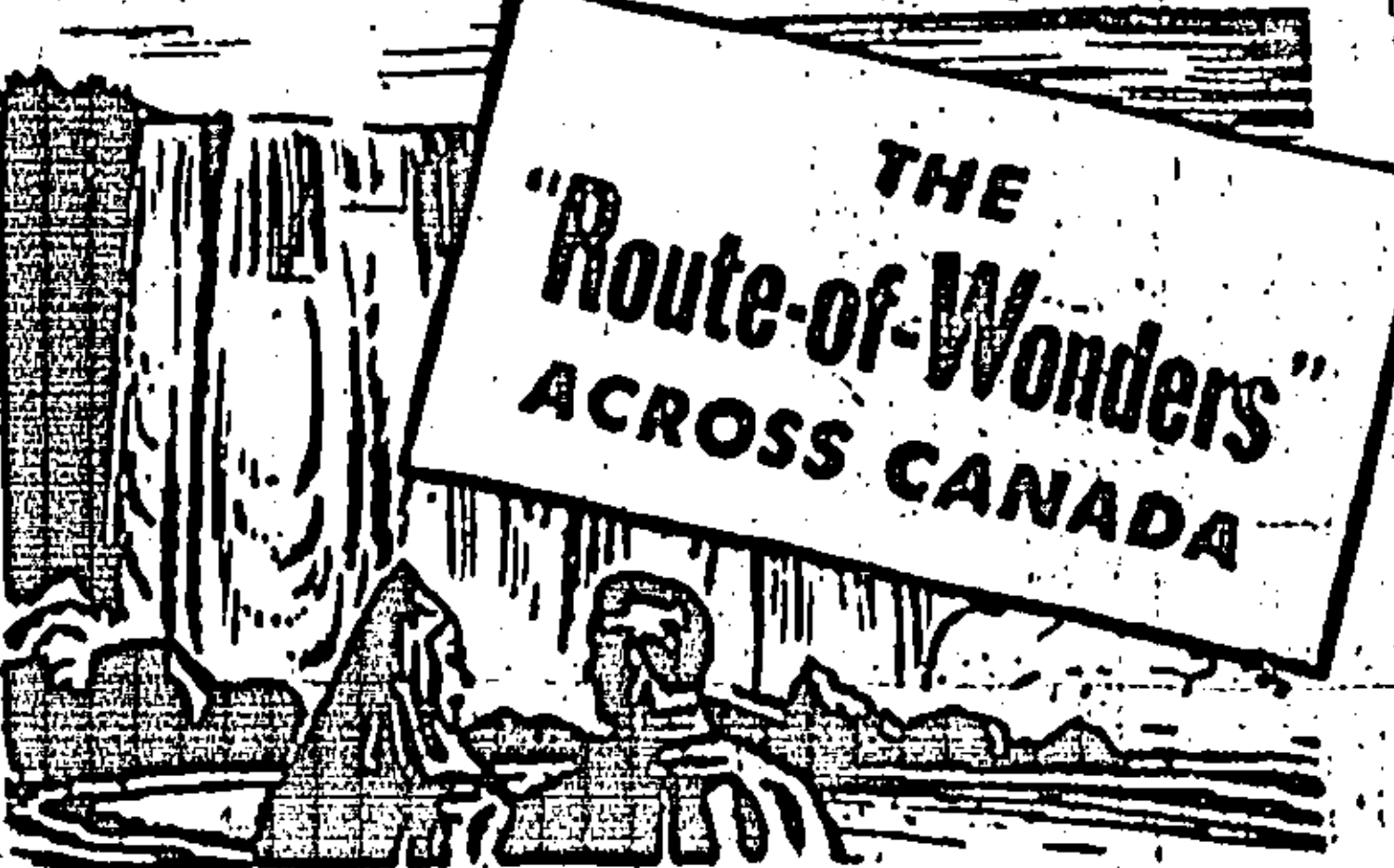
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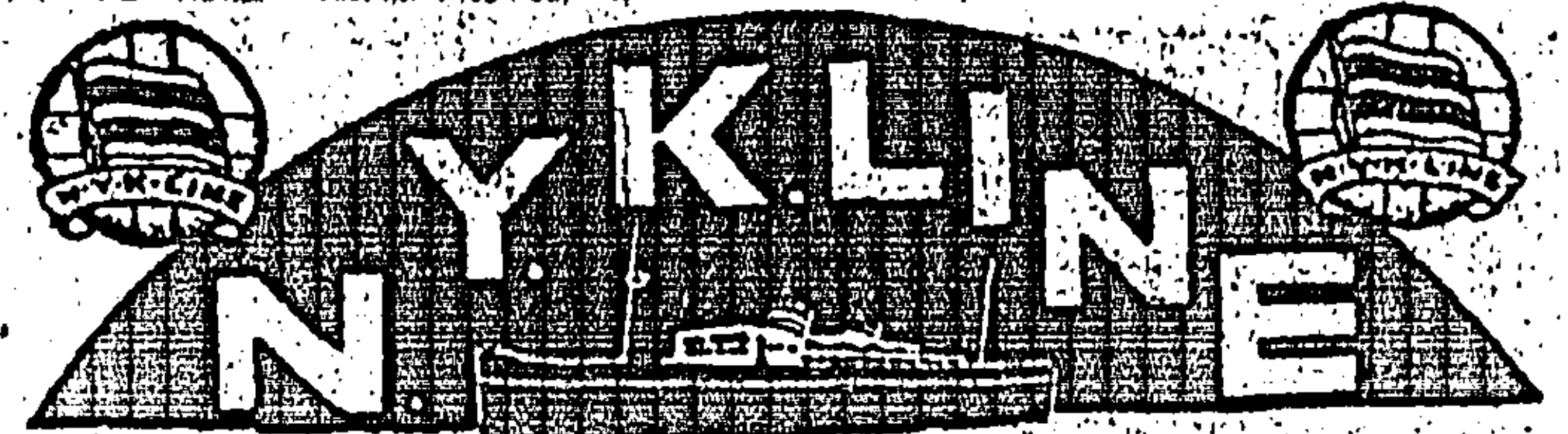
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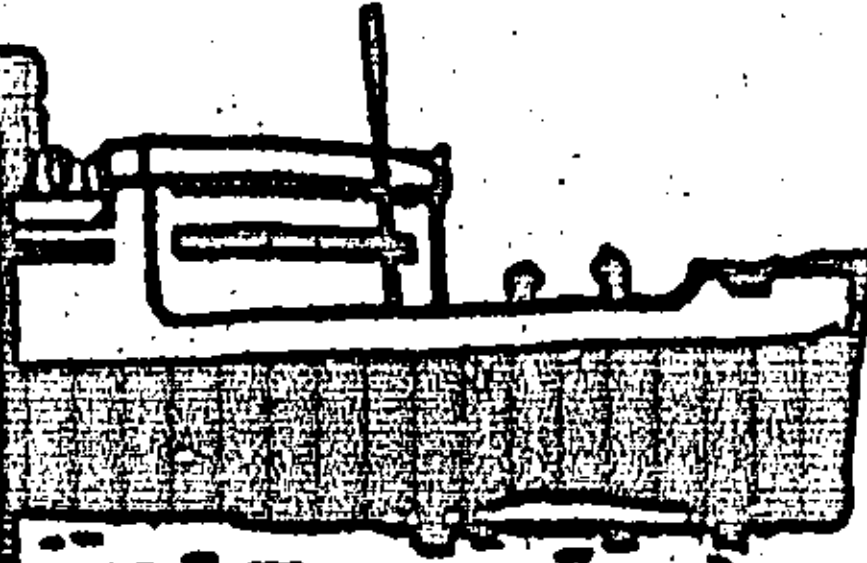
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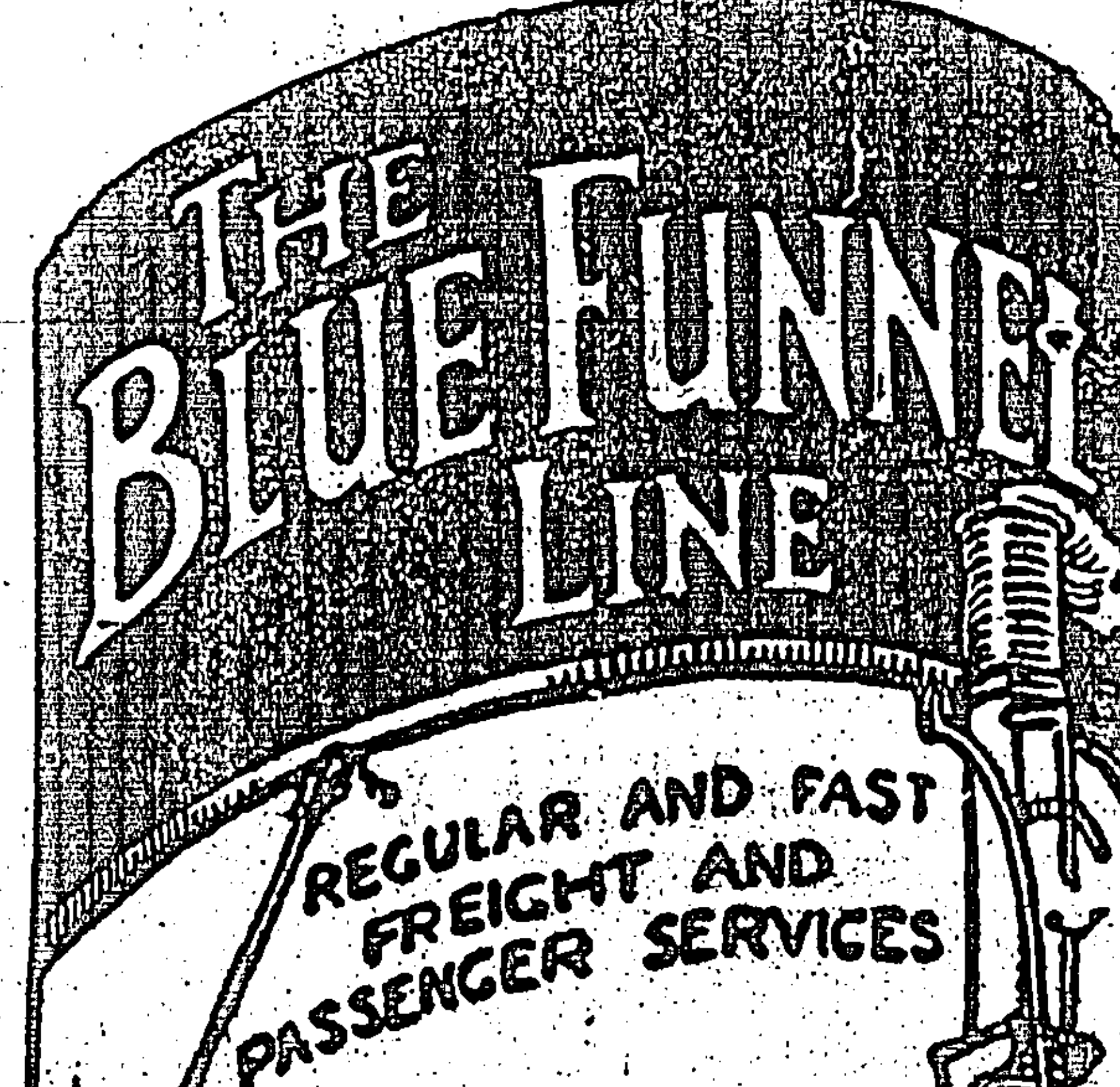
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"Demobilisation," the colonel in charge said to him, "will show whether we have done our job well. It is the winding-up of our dealings with a soldier. His proper receipt of gratuity, pension and medals depends on the accuracy of the record we have kept."

The particular Record Office, one of the largest in the country, is the "Somerset House" of the Field Branch of the Royal Artillery. Its lists include more than 900 John Smiths, and 11 clerks are engaged solely in keeping their pay accounts.

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Sunday's "Needle" Match Proves Disappointing To Packed Gallery

Recreio Team In Terrific Form With The Bat

H.K. Baseballers Win Again

By "Grandstand"

A GREAT SOFTBALL DISAPPOINTMENT WAS HANDED OUT TO THE JAMMED GRANDSTAND OF SPECTATORS ON SUNDAY WHEN THE SAINTS WERE CRUSHED BY THE RECREIO ACES IN THE SENIOR LEAGUE OPENER ON SUNDAY.

It seemed that the Aces had their batting pants on; not one of them, or two, or three of them, but the whole team. It was a fever, a contagion, as hits rattled off the Recreio bats, all the way down the line from first-sacker Nick Beltrao to hind-snatcher Charlie Figueiredo.

The Aces scored in every inning but the fifth, and in the sixth, eight runs crossed the plate, and only a double-killing halted the mayhem. Limited to only six measly bingles, the Saints were massacred 15 to 1, and as one fan was heard to remark, "It's a good football score in any man's league!"

In the absence of ace-hurler, Johnnie Alvares, Mentor Riri Noronha worked Gerry Gosano on the slab for the whole route. Backed by almost errorless fielding, Gosano conceded six hits only, but issued one pass and struck out none. Frankie "Bashful" Gosano, hurling for the Saints, was nicked for 14 blows, while his team-mates gave him poor support. Even the great Henry "Showboat" Ali dropped a fly, but made up by clouting two safeties in his three times up. The Saints' lone marker came in, in the first, when Ali singled, and burgled second and third, and dented the counting station on "Bambino" Dave Leonard's Texas Leaguer.

In the second the Saints put two on bases with one out, but homehead base-running by Albert Leonard and Jindoo Hussain resulted in a double-killing which cut off the rally like a ripe banana. Two on a base is too, too much. For the rest of the game, the Saints never got into a scoring position again.

Batting honours go to Tony "Peewee" Alves for his three safeties in four times up, while the longest hit of the game was a triple, belted by Eddie "Doctor" Gosano, to deep right.

Filipinos Collapse

After holding the formidable Hong Kong Baseballers for four frames, the Filipinos went down to the waggomen by 9-4. "Doc" Molthen started on the hill, and worked for four innings, limiting the Islanders to only two blows. With the count knotted at 4-4, mentor Waggoner nut twice Edwards on the mound. This player turned on the heat and shut out the Filipino aggregation for the rest of the game.

Bullet pegs were again an

outstanding feature of the Waggoner softball machine and both Molthen and Cotton averaged a neat 1,000 in their two trips to the plate.

Explosive Game

Outhitting the Canadian Chinese in the nightcap, the Chinese Baseballers trounced the Canucks in a 9-2 victory, in which there were explosive moments, which bordered on an exchange of fistcuffs.

Moundsman Chinn for the Baseballers snuffed out three by the strike-out route, whilst G. G. Lee, seen in his first pitching assignment, accounted for two. No free passes were issued by either chucker. Herbie Quon, "Wizard of the Whiff" worked behind the plate, calling the pitches, and turning out to be a surprisingly good maskman.

In the second stanza, the Baseballers were caught napping, with one down, when Howard Lee and Noel Young, on first and second, scampered down the bases on Nip Lum's infield fly, which was snared by second-sacker Young Lee, who tagged the sack after the catch to complete a double killing unassisted.

The longest hit of the day, was Tuffy Chinn's homer in the fifth with none aboard. George White of the Baseballers and Luke Bunn of the Canucks, also belted a three-bagger a-piece.

Junior Title

In the Junior League, the Recreio Bees shellacked the 8th Battery R.A. with a 42-6 lacing, whilst the C.B.A. subdued the Royal Engineers 19-2.

HOCKEY FIXTURES AMENDED

The following amendment to Hockey Association Tournament fixtures is notified by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. T. Smith:—
A. N. Other "X" v. R. Engineers
Police "A" v. Nomads
C.B.A. v. Recreio
Police "B" v. 2nd M.T.B.'s
Kumaons v. University
Gunboats v. Khalsa
Destroyers v. 5th A.A. "A"
Royal Corps Signals v. 5th A.A. "B"

"Y" HOCKEY ELEVENS

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches at King's Park this week:
To-day, 2nd, XI. v. R. Scots 2nd, XI (5 p.m.):—Benwell, Heptonstall and Saxby; Croft, Gorman and Gilchrist; Spencelayh, Spradbery, Highlands, Ireson and Banks.
To-morrow, "A" XI v. Recreio (5 p.m.):—Killen, Jordan and Tomlinson; Croft, Coombe and

CARDINALS GO DOWN FIGHTING

By "Grandstand"

Giving their supporters five linings of hope, and holding their opponents scared during all that time, Cardinals went down to the Canuckettes in a 12-8 defeat, in which the Canuckettes staged a sixth-inning rally, which netted them six runs to cinch the tussle.

Efegina Babida, toting the rubber for the Redbirds, although nicked for 12 blows, might have pitched her team to victory once more had she been backed by better fielding from her team-mates, who committed no less than eight bobbles, of which second sacker Linda Fernandes, booted three, to cost as many runs.

Babida fanned four, but issued no passes, whilst Mary Louie, hurling for the Canuckettes issued one Annie Oakley and whiffed six Redbirds.

In the seventh, Canuckette Mary Louie showed signs of cracking up under the strain, when the Cardinals loaded the bags with one out. Bee Johnson coming up to bat, looked at three fast ones and went back to the bench, whilst Naty popped to short-stop Jean Lee for the last out.

Slabstress Babida made the longest hit of the fracas with a three-bagger but was nailed at the plate when she attempted to stretch it into a homer. "Where was the third base coach, Dave?"

"Grandma" Gladys Hutchinson dished out a fielding gem, when she speared Vivienne Louie's screaming line-drive over second.

Fanthers Too Good

The much improved Chung Hwa squad, although drawing first blood from the Baby Pantherters, were no match for the Panther Kittens, who triumphed over them 17-3. The extent of the improvement of the Chung Hwa Femmes can be gauged by the fact that only five errors were chalked up against them, veteran May Chung being guilty of one, and pitcher Ella Chinn and first sacker Irene Lee sharing the others.

The Panthers' stickwork contributed much to their large margin of victory and Ella Chinn was nicked for 15 blows, of which the longest was by Theresita Botelho, who clouted a triple. Chinn struck out five and walked as many. Lella Xavier, tossing for the Pantherettes, walked only two and whiffed seven.

Nellie Lee, who hauled down four difficult flies out in the left garden without a fumble, displayed some brilliant fielding and Fungie Law, keeper of the mid-way station, who struck out in her three times up, now holds the coveted title of "Queen of Swing!"

Marathon Affair

The Wildcats-Little Flowers game was another marathon affair, 45 runs being scored by the Untamed Felines against the Florinths' 8. The five-inning bedlam lasted almost an hour and a half, and kept the score-keepers going haywire trying to keep track.

Saxby, Spencelayh, Gemmell, Gilchrist, Morgan and Highlands.
SATURDAY
1st XI v. Nomads (4.15 p.m.):—Benwell, Taylor and Saxby; Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Smith, Gemmell, Ure, Morgan and Dunno.
2nd XI v. R.E. 2nd (3 p.m.):—Killen, Heptonstall and Tomlinson; Croft, Gorman and Gilchrist; Highlands, McGahan, Dormer, Ireson and Banks.

GOOD SOFTBALL IN MONDAY'S GAME

By "Grandstand"

ON MONDAY, for the second day in succession, the stand was packed as enthusiasts flocked out to see some snappy softball dished out in the U.S.S. Tulsa-Hong Kong Baseballers friendly tilt, in which, for the first time in local softball, a nine-inning game was played by agreement.

SWYER AND WYRE IN FORM

A useful innings by Major Swyer and some splendid bowling by Sgt. Wyre gave Royal Army Medical Corps an easy win over Royal Air Force in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Largely due to Swyer's innings, R.A.M.C., who batted first, totalling 85, Smith, for the Airmen, taking 4 for 19 and Henley 3 for 25. Air Force, however, made no sort of a showing against Wyre, who finished with a spell of

O.	M.	R.	W.
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to return an analysis of 7 for 22 in 9.6 overs. Although he was not nearly as spectacular, Coombes bowled steadily and only conceded 12 runs in nine overs for three wickets.

R.A.M.C.			
Webb, b Goodwin	14		
Swyer, b Henley	40		
Coombes, b Hawkins	14		
Shorthouse, b Hawkins	4		
Harrison, c Paling, b Henley	2		
Lawrence, c Stockham, b Smith	2		
Musson, b Henley	0		
Wyre, c Stockham, b Smith	2		
Bright, c Hunt, b Smith	0		
Don not out	0		
Boyce, st. Cook, b Smith	0		
Extras (W.L.B.)	7		
Total	85		

Total				
Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	7	2	19	4
Goodwin	6	1	16	1
Henley	6	0	25	3
Hawkins	5	0	18	2

R.A.F.			
Abbas, c Swyer, b Wyre	8		
Goodwin, c Shorthouse, b Coombes	13		
Cook, st. Shorthouse, b Coombes	1		
Hunt, c Webb, b Wyre	0		
Manfield, c Swyer, b Wyre	0		
Henley, b Wyre	6		
Stockham, not out	4		
Paling, ht. wkt., b Wyre	2		
Smith, c Coombes, b Wyre	0		
Sinson, c Coombes	1		
Hawkins, c Boyce, b Wyre	0		
Extras (B2)	2		
Total	36		

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wyre	9	6	22	7
Coombes	9	2	12	3

Timely hitting by Joe Morris, who batted in two runs netting the Baseballers four tallies in the second stanza, stowed the game away on ice for them.

Chucker Edwards again went the route for the Baseballers and struck out three, but he issued free transportation to first to four Tulsamen, whilst Norton, starting for the Mighty T, fanned one and passed one, whilst relief hurler Hansen passed one.

The Tulsamen opened the score on a single by Maxwell, who then pilfered second, reached third on a wild heave, and romped home on a wild pitch.

Fly Swatter

In the second frame the Baseballers replied with four tallies to take the lead. From that time on, the game tightened like the top on a molasses jug, although on one or two occasions the Tulsamen came within scoring position, but their hitters didn't come through in the clutches.

In the fourth, Petersen got on base with a double and was sacrificed to third by Germonto's long fly, but Oszajac, coming up to the platter brandishing his pet mace, went down swinging on a pitch a mile high and two miles wide. Latham fled to centre to end the chapter.

A single and a pass, coupled with an error, netted the Tulsamen two more tallies in the seventh.

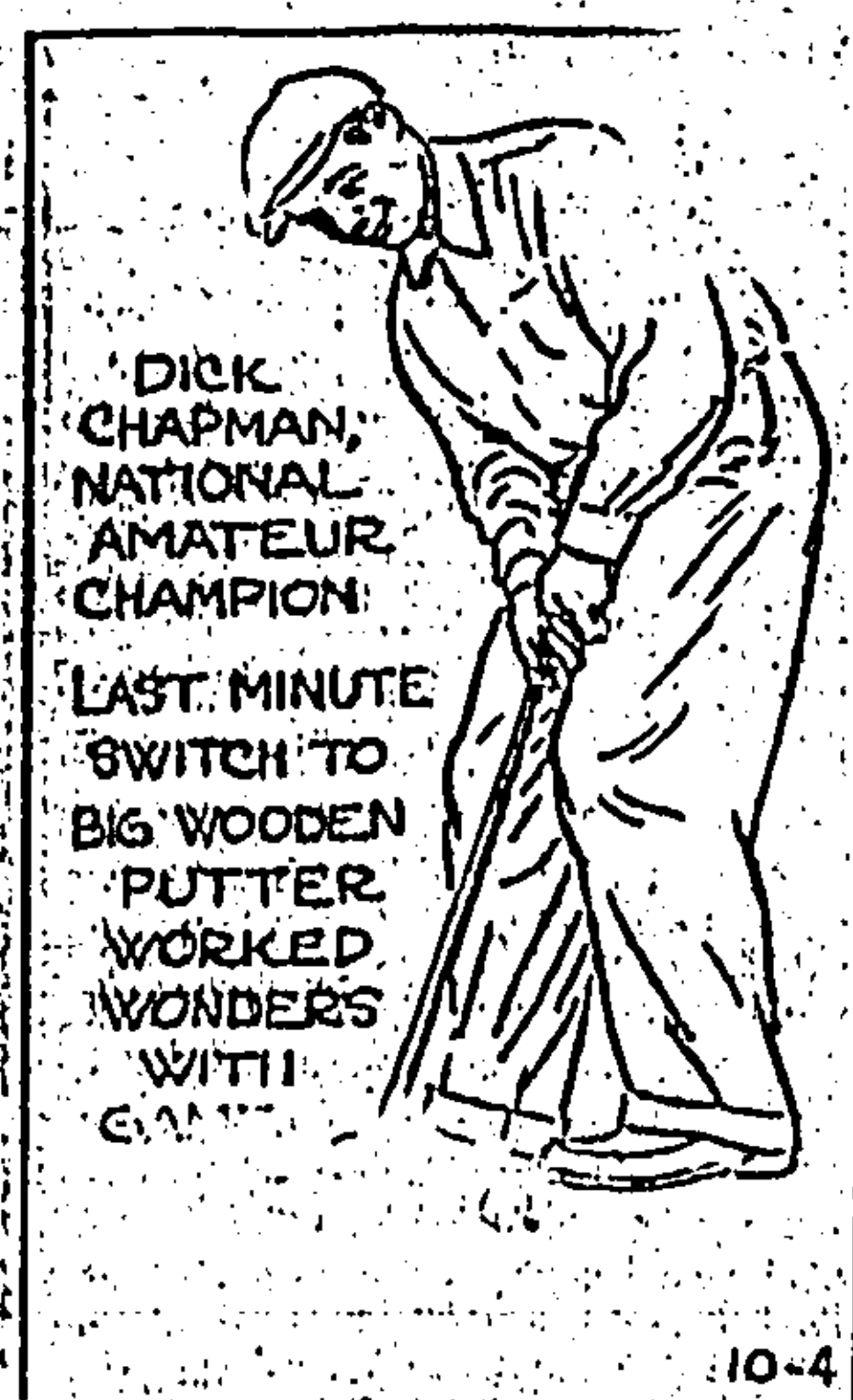
In their last time up they still had a chance to pull the game out of the fire, when they had two on with one away.

Guinn fled out to left with no gain on the bases, whilst Stockton was flagged at first by short-stop Leight's rifle peg.

Hindsnatcher Joe Morris' bullet pegs which snuffed all base-burgling attempts, had the fans on their feet, whilst ballhawk Sperry, in the left garden, also drew rounds of applause by hauling down no less than six flies without a tumble. In one case he had to run almost right smack up against the Kowloon Football clubhouse before he could clasp his hands on the horsehide.

New Putter Helps Chapman

GRAPHIC GOLF



By BEST BALL
Shortly before the qualifying rounds of the National Amateur Championship, Dick Chapman, bought a wooden headed putter in the hope that it might help his game. His putting was way off, no doubt due in some measure to wrecking of an old faithful aluminum headed putter some time before. Since that time, Chapman had tried dozens of other putters with little luck.

Then by merest chance he hit on the wooden headed one which felt weighed and subsequently putted like his old one. Using it, his touch was magic, the ball dropped in from all angles. The cheapest club in his bag it became, the most valuable of all. Chapman's average was 31 putts per round and it was largely on the strength of his putting that he won the National Amateur championship.

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WEEK-END SOCCER FIXTURES

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Club v R. Scots
(Club, 4.15 p.m.)

Middlesex v Sing Tao
(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)

Kowloon v Police
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Club v Sing Tao
(Club, 2.45 p.m.)

Middlesex v 30th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)

Kowloon v Police
(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

12th R.A. v 36th R.A.
(Stanley, 2.45 p.m.)

International v 20th R.A.
(Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)

Air Force v Shell
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)

35th R.A. v Engineers
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

7th R.A. v 24th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

Eastern v Kwong Wah
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

South China v Kwong Wah
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)

Engineers v Ordnance
(Military, 2.45 p.m.)

Service Corps v Kit Chee
(Military, 4.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Signals v Medicals
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)

Service Corps v A.S.A.
(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)



GOLF SPOON WINNERS

L. R. Andrewes won the spoon for the best round over the Old Course during the Jasper Clark Cup competition at Farling on Sunday, while K. S. Robertson won the spoon for the best round over the New Course, his second nine holes being better than those of Dr. Tomlinson.

Lt. Col. R. A. P. MacPherson (15) who was three up, won the Bogey (Par) Pool over the New Course during the past week-end. There were 25 entries.

The Adamson Cup (November) at Happy Valley was cancelled owing to lack of entries.

These remarks were made by Mr. H. A. Beard, President of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, at the annual general meeting held last night.

There was an unusually large attendance of members representing the Navy, Army and civilian sections.

Mr. W. E. Hollands, for more than 10 years an active member of the Association, was elected a Life Member.

Following the Chairman's address, Mr. Minihan stressed the necessity for a referee controlling a game having perfect cooperation with the linesmen. Qualified members of the Association who were present and were not in charge of the game, should refrain from criticising the referee on the field.

It was decided that the Association's annual dinner be held on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:—

President:—Hugh A. Beard.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. F. da Silva.

Committee:—W. H. Glover (representing Navy), M. Minihan, (representing Army) and D. Kosick (representing civilians).

R.E. SOCCER TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

The following will represent the Royal Engineers against the R.A.S.C. in their postponed League football match at Sookunpoo to-morrow at 2.45 p.m.:—

Moxham; Palmer, Tang Chung-pak; Birrell, Shaw (Capt.), T. Taylor; Li Wai-lam, Chan Kum-poy, Fox, Pelham and Chung Sing.

CARELESSNESS SOMEWHERE!

A wrongly marked card in the match between J. McKelvie (Kowloon) and J. C. Chalmers (Hong Kong) resulted in Hong Kong being announced the winners of the Aitkenhead Shield match, at K.E.G.C. on Saturday, by one shot.

What actually happened was that McKelvie beat Chalmers 21-18 and not vice versa, as first stated. This now gives Kowloon victory by five shots. As a result of Saturday's error, 48 Hong Kong players were presented with spoons which should have gone to Kowloon players.

C.S.C.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following will represent Civil Service Cricket Club in friendly matches against Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday at 2 p.m.:—

1st XI. (away).—J. E. Richardson, W. H. Collidge, A. E. Perry, F. Baker, R. H. Griffiths, D. J. Hollidge, N. Whitley, N. L. Smith, B. C. K. Hawkins, J. Barrow and A. Watson.

2nd XI. (home).—H. E. Strange, H. F. Harper, J. F. McGowan, G. Ainslie, F. E. Lawrence, J. Mitchell, G. Davidson, A. M. J. Wright, H. P. Cunningham, A. Parrott and R. Lawrence.

KOWLOON CHESS

Kowloon Chess Club championship matches played yesterday resulted as follows:—Senior—B. D. Evans beat A. Y. Birlukoff; L. Karpovich beat P. Yvanovich; Junior—A. C. Mitchell beat Ph. Laufer; D. Drake beat J. Walther.



Above is the Kit Chee Second Division League soccer team which lost to South China on Sunday by the odd goal in the end. The team is here shown in the positions in which they take the field, with the goal-keeper, in sweater, standing between the two backs. Reading from the back row left to right are the players—Fok Yiu-wah, Tang Yat-ming, Lai Dat-choi, Yau Wah-hing, Chan Ka-lai, Chan Bingto, Cheung Chung-kan, Wong Mei-shun, Wan Cheuk-sun and Chong Kam-chuen.

BUDGE'S CHALLENGE TO AMATEURS

DONALD BUDGE, former Wimbledon and American champion, and now vice-president of the professional lawn tennis players of America, thinks open tournaments are sure to come some day but they are about three years away.

"Public demand has been kicking the United States Lawn Tennis Association around because they didn't jump at the first suggestion of an open," says Budge, quoted by the New York newspaper, "P.M.," "but in truth the Amateur Association is acting wisely."

Budge, who was champion amateur lawn tennis player of the world before he turned professional in 1938, intimated that the professional organisation, to which about 1,000 players are affiliated in America, should put their own

house in order before challenging the amateurs. "What we need is a string of tournaments somewhat like the golf professionals have," he said. "If we could have about two months of straight tournament play across country, ending with the open at—say Forest Hills—then we would be all set."

Play Them Anywhere

Budget naturally thinks the professional would easily beat the amateurs, and he regards the suggestion that the professionals might lose on grass as ridiculous.

UNIVERSITY TENNIS

In an inter-hostel University tennis match yesterday, Ricci beat Morrison by five sets to four.

On Hian 'Fit and C. S. Lake (Ricci Hall).

beat O. Thomas and Li Ming 6-2

beat Tao Siu-lam and Liu

Hong-sing 6-4

lost to Yip Yee and K. Lo ... 2-6

G. Choa and Ku Mao-Hsiang

(Ricci Hall).

beat Thomas and Li 6-2

beat Tao and Liu 6-2

beat Yip and Lo 6-1

Tsai Som-tin and P. T. Yu

(Ricci Hall).

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lost to Yip and Lo 1-6

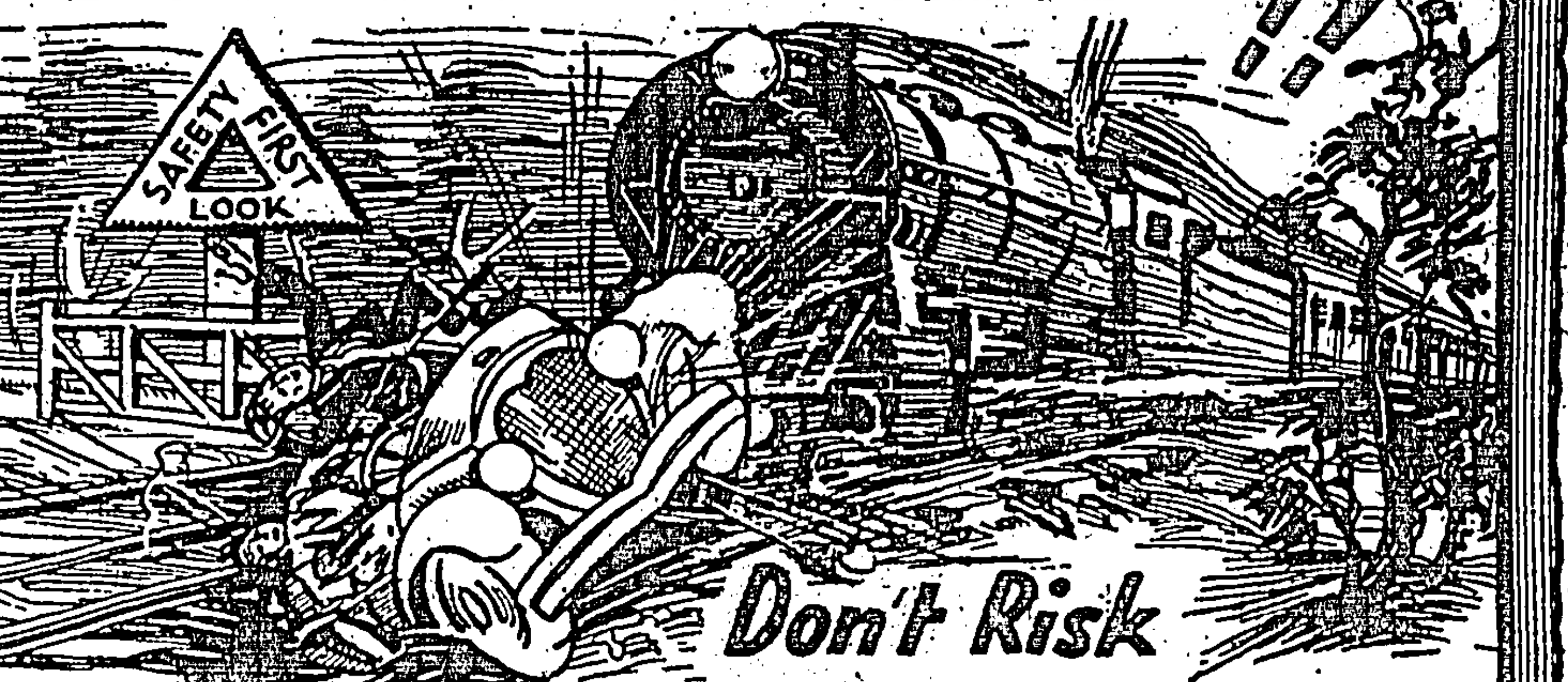
"We play on anything," he said,

"and for all I care they can stage

the tournament on grass, glass or

bottle tops. We'd take them."

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N.E.I. OIL AGREEMENT

An agreement has been initialled concerning the supply of Dutch East Indies oil to Japan by representatives of the Netherlands oil companies and Japanese oil importers.

This agreement will be communicated to the Japanese and Netherlands delegations at Batavia.—Reuter.

GANDHI ANNOYS PUNJAB

"A STORM OF INDIGNATION" HAS BEEN AROUSED IN PUNJAB BY A RECENT REMARK BY MAHATMA GANDHI IN HIS NEWSPAPER "HARIJAN" THAT THE PUNJAB WAS A RECRUITING GROUND FOR MERCENARY SOLDIERS, DECLARED MAJOR SIRDAR SIKANDER KYAT KAHN, THE PUNJAB PREMIER, IN A SPEECH IN LAHORE YESTERDAY.

Demanding the withdrawal of this "sweeping insult," Major Kyat Kahn declared that unless it was withdrawn other parts of

Extensive War Booty Captured

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Greek Army at Athens)

A BRITISH BOMBER FORMATION AGAIN BOMBED ALBANIAN TARGETS YESTERDAY BUT THE RESULTS HITHERTO ARE UNKNOWN.

Great quantities of war material which the Italians abandoned in the ravines of the central Pindus sector, continue to be collected. The Greeks already have employed against the enemy the captured light artillery and machine-guns.

Although reports that General Soddu has ordered a general withdrawal of his troops to their former positions in Albania are untrue, it appears that the Italians have rectified their line on the right wing of the Epirus sector, where the flanks of their advanced column are exposed owing to the debacle in the Pindus sector.

India would not be entitled to expect any assistance from the Punjab.

Recruiting was proceeding spontaneously without the slightest official pressure.

At very conservative estimates, 1,000,000 Punjabis were ready to sacrifice their lives in defence of the Motherland.—Reuter.

Escape Fleases

Military circles in Athens regard the escape of those four to five thousand Italians from the Pindus pocket as one of the major successes of the whole affair from a Greek viewpoint.

They will have returned weaponless, ragged and semi-starved with tales of avalanches of rocks which were dyhamited over them from heights above ravines.

Their panic will shake the morale of Italian reinforcements badly enough but when the waters of the Aous River run down from the Pindus mountains through the Albanian valleys the bodies of some hundreds of their comrades whom they believed to be making a triumphal march through Greece, it will hardly urge them to attack the Greek defences which are now more impregnable than ever.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Japanese naval craft and military transports are reported to be standing by for a landing at Saigon, according to messages received in Kwang Chow Wan last night. — Our Own Correspondent.

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This glorious epic of the sea is related in an Admiralty communique stating that all except nine ships in a convoy consisting of 38 ships attacked by an enemy surface raider on the night of November 5 are safe. It is possible some of the ships still missing may be safe.

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Steered For Enemy

Full details of this action are not yet available, but it is known that the Jervis Bay steered for the enemy and engaged her with greatly inferior armament, thus enabling the majority of the ships in the convoy to make good their escape.

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LIE GIVEN TO GERMAN CLAIMS

A fierce reception was given to attacking German planes by a British convoy in the North Sea on Monday afternoon, according to an official statement.

The battle resulted in the shooting down by guns of at least three enemy aircraft and probably five, while all ships in the convoy were successfully preserved.

The Admiralty communique, in reporting these facts, gives the lie to official German claims.

Last night, a special announcement was broadcast by Germany stating that five of our ships totalling 37,000 tons were sunk during this attack on our convoy. This claim was later improved on by the German High Command communique which built it up to seven merchant ships of about 44,000 tons.

In point of fact, no ships were sunk. Two ships sustained some damage but both are now safe.

The Admiralty points out that the attacking planes shot down by the escorting warship are in addition to about eight planes shot down by the R.A.F., as was announced by the Air Ministry on Monday night. — Reuter.

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GOERING HOLDS OFF

THE ONLY ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY OVER ENGLAND YESTERDAY WAS BY A SMALL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT OPERATING SINGLY STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

One of these was shot down into the sea off the South-east Coast.

Bombs were dropped at a few points, including one in the London area. A small number of casualties was caused and little damage is reported.—Reuter.

HITLER'S WAR ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Women and children outnumbered men in the list of fatal civilian casualties on the Home Front in October.

Analysis of the official returns shows that air raid deaths in the month totalled 6,334, of which 2,900 were women, 643 children and 2,791 men.

Injured were 3,750 women, 717 children and 4,228 men.—Reuter.

BOMBS DROPPED IN SUEZ CANAL ZONE

Enemy aircraft dropped several bombs on the Canal Zone at about 7.30 p.m. on Monday night, says a communique issued in Cairo yesterday by the Egyptian Ministry of Defence.

Several other bombs were dropped in an orchard near Cairo at about 8 p.m.

There were no casualties in either raid and casualties were slight.—Reuter.

EXPLOSIONS IN AMERICAN ARMS FACTORIES

OVER TWENTY PEOPLE WERE KILLED, IT IS FEARED, IN THREE SEPARATE EXPLOSIONS YESTERDAY IN IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL CENTRES IN NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA.

The explosions, says Reuter's correspondent, from Woodbridge, N.J., occurred in widely separated areas, one after the other.

Considerable material damage was done.

Simultaneously another explosion occurred at the American Cyanide Company's powder factory at Edinburg, Pennsylvania, the shock of which was felt two miles away.

This is the second explosion in this company's factories within three days.

The third detonation yesterday shook the Trojan Powder Company's factory on the outskirts of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Several persons were injured, some of them fatally.

Plunder In Middle East With Nazi Permission

THE SOVIET PRESS IN MOSCOW IS MAINTAINING COMPLETE SILENCE ON M. MOLOTOV'S VISIT TO BERLIN, IN SHARP DISTINCTION TO THE PEP-TALKS OF THE NAZI NEWSPAPERS.

It is revealed in Moscow that the British Ambassador, Sir Stafford Cripps, had an interview on Monday with the Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Vishinsky.

Hitler received Molotov for a lengthy conversation yesterday afternoon, at which Ribbentrop was present, with Hitler's bodyguard doing the honours outside the Chancellery.

The first conference between Ribbentrop and Molotov lasted two hours, according to a Berlin message, but no details have been disclosed.

That Hitler has placed great hopes on the visit of the Soviet Prime Minister is indicated from reports from the Berlin correspondents of the Swiss newspapers.

On the one hand it is stated that he wishes to obtain Russia's adherence to the Axis-Tokyo Alliance, or, if that is impossible, to facilitate the conclusion of a Russo-Japanese Pact in order to demonstrate to the world Russia's solidarity with the Axis.

On the other hand Hitler is said to be anxious to obtain Russia's support for Germany's expansionist policy in the Near East.

Hint Of Proposed Deal

The Berlin correspondent of "Tribune de Geneve" states that Molotov's visit is considered in Berlin as a sign that Russia has now declared herself in favour of the Axis.

The correspondent asks: What price must be paid to Moscow? Certainly the Dardanelles, he replies, but much more as well.

The indications are, he adds, that the Near East and Central Asia will be promised to Russia as her sphere of expansion with special emphasis on Turkey, Iran and Iraq.—Reuter.

DE GAULLE OCCUPIES GENTIL

General de Gaulle has apparently taken another African port.

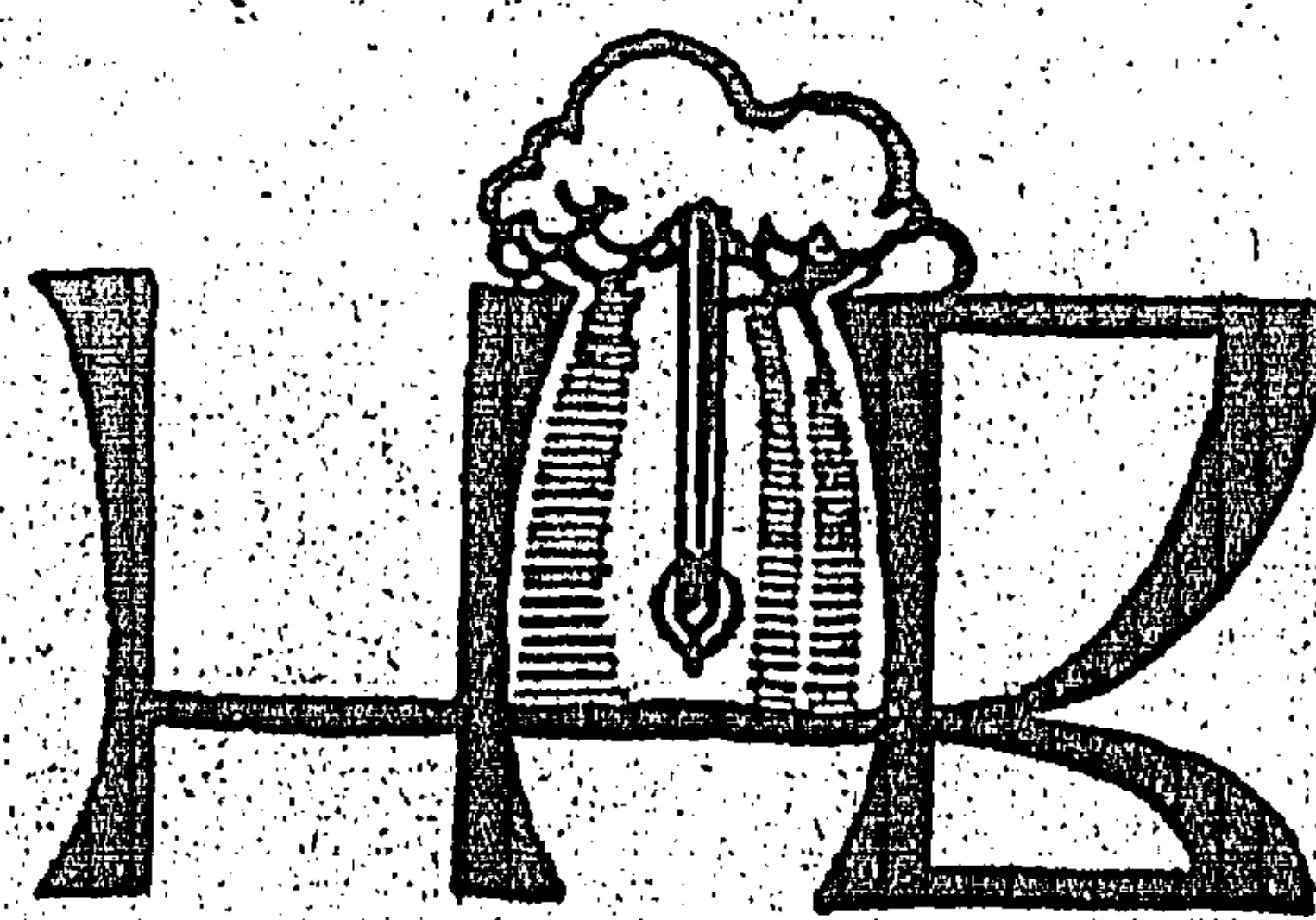
A Geneva despatch to the official German News Agency says that all communications with the port of Gentil, the second largest port in Gabon, are reported in Vichy to be cut. Hence it is presumed that General de Gaulle's forces have succeeded in capturing this port as well as Libreville.

Few Casualties

Troops of the Free French forces have entered Libreville and General de Gaulle has appointed Lieut.-Colonel Parrant to be Governor of Gabon, states a communique issued by de Gaulle's H.Q.

General Tente gave the order to end resistance and surrendered. Contrary to sensational propaganda reports, the operations which took place at Libreville caused very few casualties to either side.—Reuter.

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Ribbentrop Tells Molotov What He's In Berlin For

THE LOGIC OF AXIS-TOKYO ALLIANCE

"M. MOLOTOV'S VISIT to Berlin is the logical outcome of the evolution of the European situation and the signing of the tripartite pact," says an official statement handed to foreign journalists at the German Foreign Office yesterday, according to the French Wireless.

The statement continues: In view of the new situation created by developments of the war and the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance, it becomes necessary to define positively and clearly the position of the Soviet:

R.A.F.'S TRIPLE TASK

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

British bombers are now conducting three "anti-invasion drives" at once.

These are on the German Channel bases, on Libyan bases from which Italy hopes to invade Egypt and on ports and harbours which Italy is using to maintain her army in Greece.

The range of R.A.F. attacks on Italy's bases in Albania has slowly lengthened from Sarande and Konispolis in the southern corner of Albania to Valona, Durazzo, Taranto and Naples, which has now been visited three times, while the dockyards at Gagliari have been attacked by naval aircraft for the fourth time in three months.

Next to reinforcements comes the need to improve and protect the airfields in Greece which bombers could use in addition to the Cretan base. More time must elapse before the R.A.F. offensive in this region can be at full strength.

Greece has three military airports and half a dozen auxiliary landing grounds, but as far as is known in London few of these are suitable for R.A.F. needs. — Reuter.

"M. Molotov's visit has the following aims:

"Firstly, to fix a basis for political and economical collaboration of the Soviet and the Axis Powers and eventually with Japan;

"Secondly, to re-consider, from the point of view of more extensive collaboration, the bases of the German-Soviet Agreement."

The statement adds: "In the present circumstances, M. Molotov's visit is particularly significant because it proves that developments in Europe, notably the signing of the tripartite pact, has in no way affected the perfect realisation by both Moscow and Berlin of their respective and common interests.

Important Phase

"Their collaboration since the signing of the German-Soviet Agreement has only become closer and never suffered the slightest reverse, contrary to allegations in foreign propaganda."

The statement concludes by emphasising that M. Molotov's talks in Berlin "are not an aim in themselves, but an important phase in the relations of perfect collaboration between the two countries."

The French broadcast added that it seemed probable that Berlin discussions may be followed by talks in Moscow after M. Molotov's return.

Political circles in Moscow state that after reporting to Stalin, M. Molotov will confer with the Japanese and German ambassadors and probably with the representatives of Italy and Turkey. — Reuter.



These pictures show Lieut. R. Davies, in command of the Bomb Disposal Unit, who was responsible for the saving of St. Paul's Cathedral, with members of a Unit when they lifted a 1200 lb. time bomb in the grounds of a Hospital in London. (Copyright, Fox).

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" LEAVES NEW YORK

The giant Cunard liner "Queen Elizabeth," the largest merchant ship in the world, sailed from New York yesterday afternoon, it is officially disclosed.

The destination of the "Queen Elizabeth" is not revealed, but it is suggested that she is going to a Canadian port or to Boston to be fitted as a troopship, or even to Singapore. — Reuter.

AXIS SILENT ON DEBACLE IN GREECE

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

NEITHER THE ITALIAN NOR THE GERMAN RADIO HAS MADE ANY REFERENCE TO THE DEFEAT OF THE ALPINI DIVISION IN PINDUS MOUNTAINS — INDEED THE ONLY SUGGESTION IN THE TOTALITARIAN PHRASEOLOGY THAT OPERATIONS ARE NOT PROGRESSING AS IT WAS HOPED IS A CLAIM THAT "GREEK ATTACKS" IN THE EPIRUS ZONE HAVE BEEN REPULSED.

Admission of enemy attacks is already a big concession to truth by Axis propaganda. The appointment of a new commander-in-chief — General Soddu — for the campaign against Greece is, of course, another hint of the truth.

On the other hand, the German Radio is somewhat amusing in its efforts to gloss over the signal defeat of the Italian air raid over Britain.

In other respects, there is a very noticeable tendency to exaggerate German successes which presumably coincides with the visit of M. Molotov and is intended to impress.

It is probable that the Soviet Premier will be able to convince himself of the other aspects of the results of the air war during his stay in Berlin.

Although a report is current again that Count Ciano may be invited to meet Molotov, the Italian Foreign Minister has provided himself with a convenient excuse if the visit does not materialise.

A Cold Shoulder

The Rumanian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister are on their

way to Rome for an official visit and their presence will naturally account for Count Ciano stopping in Rome if the much desired invitation to Berlin is lacking.

Doubtless, Mussolini is also mindful of the fact that he had no part in the talks between Hitler and Franco and Hitler and Petain.

Incidentally, neither of those meetings seemed to have been followed by dramatic developments such as were heralded by the German Press.

Indeed, there is a peevish tone in German comments on the Vichy Government and Mr. Laval has certainly lost a good deal of caste both in Paris and Vichy, not to mention the French Colonies. — Reuter.



Photo shows Lieut. R. Davies, (seated), removing the fuses from the huge time bomb after it had been lifted. (Copyright, Fox).

HAMBURG HAVOC

Germany's Second Largest City Faces Bankruptcy

The R.A.F. Bomb-Blight On Port

HAMBURG, THE second largest city in Germany, faces bankruptcy. Every report reaching London emphasises the growing effects of the Royal Air Force's "bomb-blight" on this once great seaport, states the Air Ministry News Service.

A tremendous effort is being made to conceal the damage, even from the people of the city itself, yet news of the havoc in Hamburg is spread all over Germany.

GIANT BOMBERS FOR R.A.F.

After a long period of waiting, Britain is to have some of America's Flying Fortresses, Reuter's Washington correspondent cables this morning.

Flying Fortresses are giant, heavily-armed bombers, capable of bombing a target 2,000 miles from their base.

It is understood that Britain will have the latest models instead of the earlier ones.

The sale of these bombers to Britain has been made possible by the President's decision to allow Britain to have half the war production of the United States.

The latest models of the Flying Fortress have better rear gunner protection, with increased speed and longer range.—Reuter.

BRITISH SHIPPING STRENGTH

About 1,250,000 tons of foreign shipping had been added to the merchant fleet of the United Kingdom by October 31 by capture, requisition and purchase, stated Mr. Roland Cross, Minister of Shipping, in a written reply to a question in the House of Commons.

He added that about 4,000,000 tons of Allied and neutral shipping was on time charter to Britain.—Reuter.

Mr. Cross added: "It should not be inferred that all the tonnage now at our disposal represents an addition of importing capacity as much of the foreign tonnage was at our ports prior to the outbreak of war."—British Wireless.

BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR

The number of British troops held prisoner by the Germans and Italians totals about 44,000, Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for War, told the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

SAIGON RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Japanese naval craft and military transports are reported to be standing by for a landing at Saigon, according to messages received in Kwang Chow Wan last night.—Our Own Correspondent.

Damage to factories, becomes daily more serious. More and more industries are being transferred to eastern cities or occupied Poland.

Burnt-out shells of warehouses and smashed wharves tell the tale of Hamburg's ruin.

New reports state that the Blohm and Voss shipyard on the Isle of Waltersdorf, has been badly damaged. New ships under construction have been smashed.

At one period, five submarines out of 26 then building, were damaged beyond repair.

Sections of the Blohm-Voss Workshops have been turned over to aircraft production. These have been heavily bombed, and aircraft nearly completely burnt out.

Complete Muddle

Damage to power stations has cut the output of factories which so far have escaped bombs or fire.

Wrecked railway lines and empty godowns add to the muddle.

Damage to railways is so extensive that goods traffic must always be given preference.

Travellers from Berlin to Hamburg report that the journey now takes 24 hours instead of the usual four and involves at least five changes in either direction.

So many Hamburg ships have been sunk or damaged in harbour or mined off the mouth of the Elbe and in Baltic waters that shortage of tonnage is becoming an acute problem.

To try to offset these losses, Swedish ships are being used to the full extent in Baltic trade.—Reuter.

GREEK KING'S MESSAGE

"My heart is wrung with sadness," runs a message from King George of Greece to the civilian populations of bombed towns and villages.

After referring to the "cowardly attacks against open towns," the message says that "the whole civilised world is invited to see these ruins and the nature of the victims so that they may judge our adversary and his methods."

The Italian attacks are "evidently intended solely to terrorise the civilian population."

Those recorded in communications include a machine-gun and hand-grenade attack on a



Air raid damage in the West End of London. Fire at a well-known Oxford Street store (John Lewis & Co.). (Copyright, Fox).

CANADA MAY ASK EIRE FOR BASES

"The Government of Canada should make a personal appeal to Mr. De Valera to lease to Canada for the duration of the war two ports on the West Coast of Eire for use as Empire naval stations," declared Mr. Hanson, the Conservative Leader, in the Canadian House of Commons yesterday.

He spoke about the refusal of the Eire Government to allow the United Kingdom to use their naval bases and air ports, and described it as one of the greatest hindrances to Britain's war progress and in his "humble view it is a valuable contribution to Axis power."

Mr. Hanson continued:—"Something should and must be done to meet this situation, because it is apparent that the Government of Eire will not recede from its position of non-cooperation as a result only of a request from the British Government."

"This very fact opened up the opportunity to the Canadian Government to make a wonderful contribution towards the Allied cause."

"In addition to the leasing to Canada of two ports on the West Coast, I suggest that Canada approach Eire with proposals to lease to Canada certain strategic airports in the south and west of Eire for use as Empire air stations."

Mr. Hanson further suggested that Canada should enlist the help of the United States in such an effort, as a very substantial element in the United States "had contributed in no small degree to the goal of Irish freedom."—Reuter.

village in Epirus; a machine-gun attack on Yanina and the bombing of Corfu, a small town in Thessaly and the British cemetery in the Klalkia district.

A few casualties and slight damage were caused in these attacks, but the morale of the civilians remains perfectly sound.—Reuter.

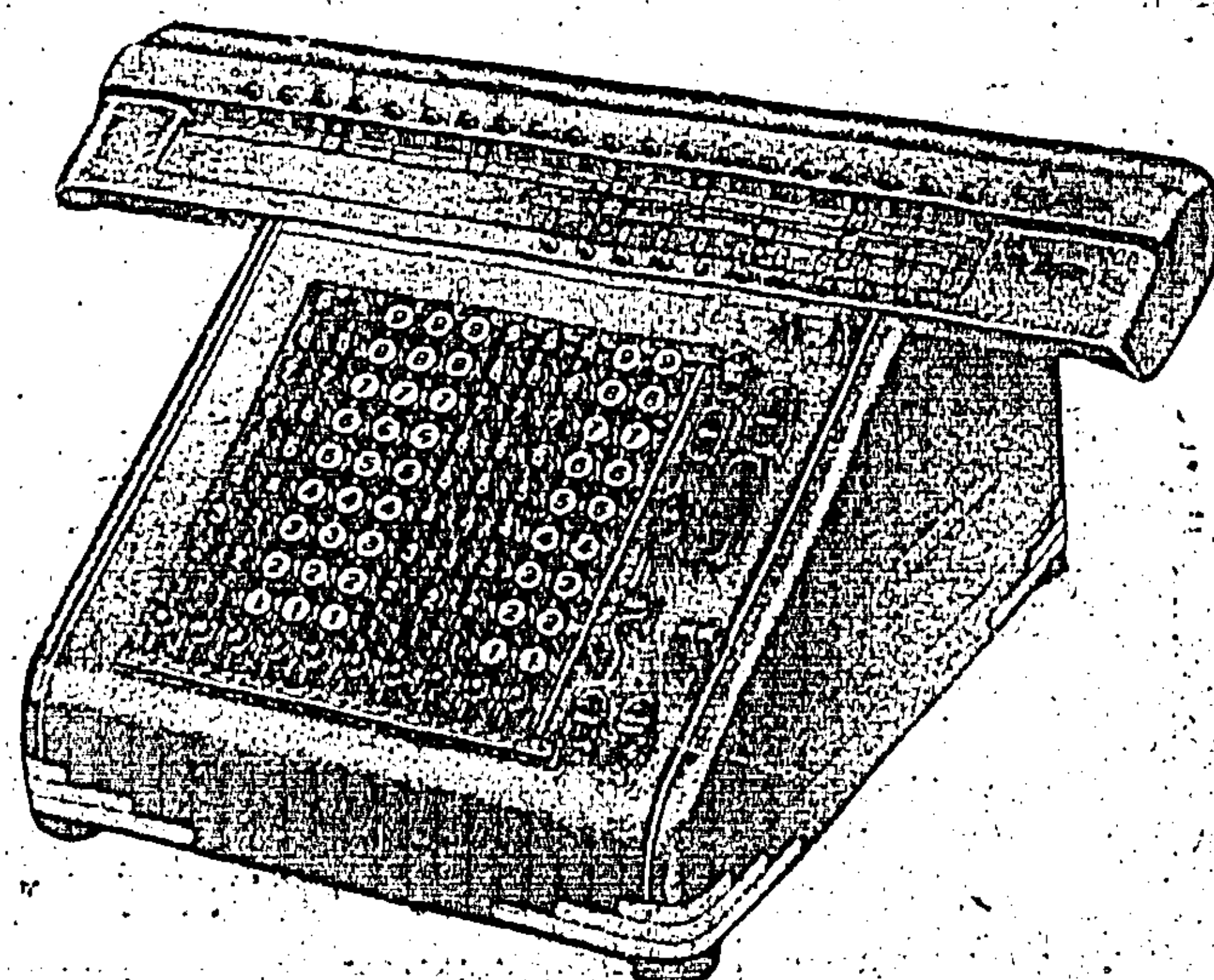
FIRM TONE ON THE STOCK MARKET

The London stock exchange yesterday was firm, with Industrials advancing under the influence of a broadening demand. Kaffir dividend payers were again prominent, while Brazilian bonds featured, with Sao Paulo 7% coffee loan advancing from 39

to 42. Rubbers attracted a revival in interest. Tins and Miscellaneous Mines received more attention, while gilt-edged stock were quiet. Wall Street was irregularly higher.—Reuter.

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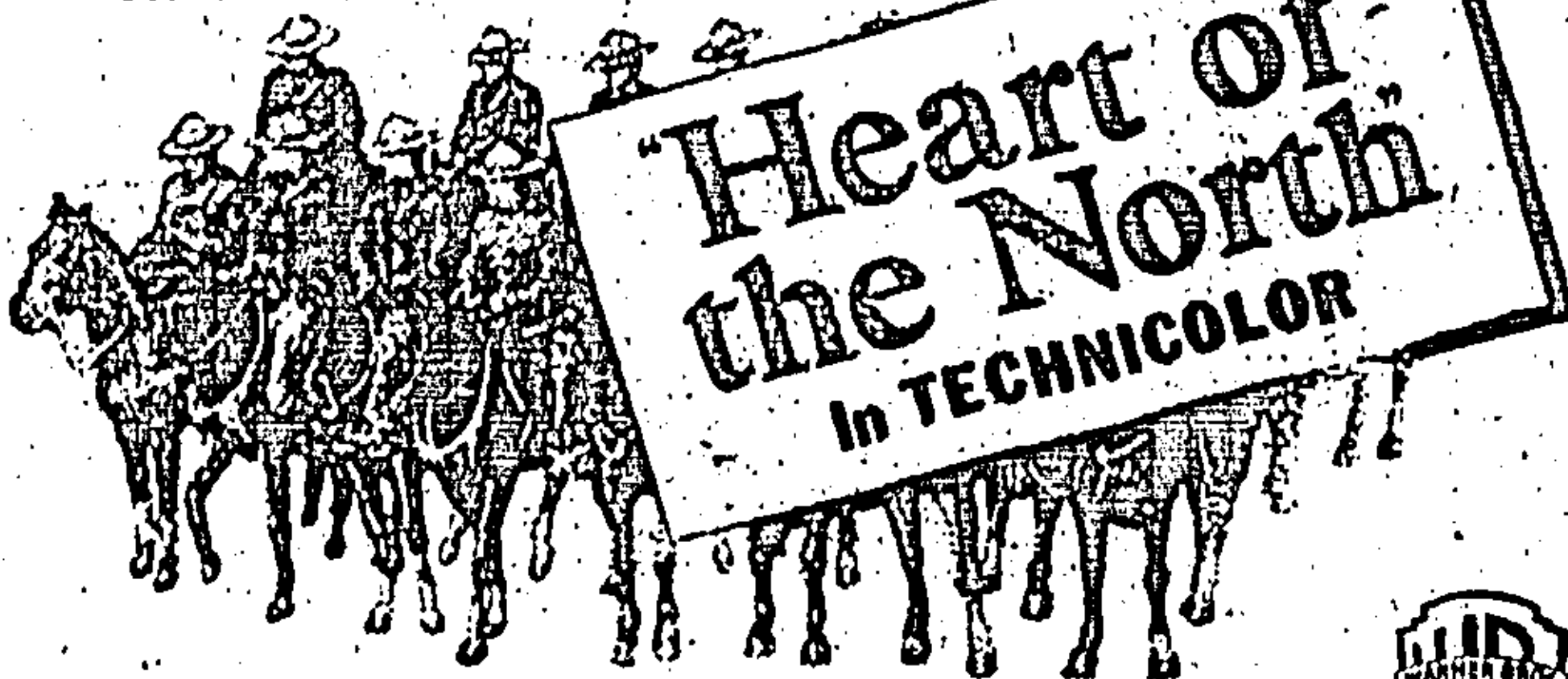
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NAVY STRAINS ITS EYES LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF ITALIANS

DURING THE WHOLE voyage of 2,000 miles, in the course of which 'planes from the aircraft carrier Ark Royal bombed Cagliari, Sardinia (as reported yesterday), the Fleet did not see a single Italian surface craft or make contact with any submarines.

This is disclosed by a correspondent who was on board one of the cruisers when the Fleet carried out its "sweep" of the Central Mediterranean.

'A TOKEN OF FREEDOM'

Children bound for the United States will receive copies of a book specially produced to commemorate their departure from this country.

It is "A Token of Freedom," a short version of Sir Bruce Richmond's anthology, "The Pattern of Freedom," and the Americans-in-Britain Outpost of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies has undertaken to present a copy to each child either as he embarks or after he arrives at his war-time home.

No adult may buy or beg one; but parents may subscribe towards the cost of production and postage. To prevent any illicit ownership, the child's name and age will be inscribed on a book-plate which proclaims that the book was given to its youthful owner "by someone who loved these words and knew what they mean and knew why I must cherish them and hold them sacred so long as I live." Above, the figure of Britannia is shown handing over a boy and girl to the care of Liberty.

The Foreword

The foreword tells the child that he is going "for a little while to a country where every child learns by heart at least one of the things in this book: the words of Lincoln at Gettysburg." In a competition on board the first ship to take children to the States under the auspices of the American Evacuation Committee, a thirteen-year-old girl won her first American dollar for the best recitation of the address.

The stirring words of Pericles to the Athenians, part of the Magna Carta, quotations from Dante, Shakespeare, Milton, Blake, Pitt, Wordsworth, and others—all of them variations on the idea of freedom—fill the sixty pages.

Specimen copies of "The Token of Freedom" may be viewed at a number of bookshops throughout England and Scotland and at the headquarters of the Americans-in-Britain Outpost, at 29, Gordon Square, London, W.C.1, but they are not to be taken away.

SCILLY ISLESMEN TO "STAY PUT"

The 1,700 Scilly Islanders have decided to stay on, however often Hitler sends his machine-gunning bombers.

Major A. A. Dorrien-Smith, owner of Treco Island, chairman of the Council of the Isles of Scilly and unofficial "dictator" of the islands, said this to reporters.

Although explosive and incendiary bombs have been dropped on all five inhabited islands there have been few casualties.

"The moral of the Islanders is excellent; they all lent a hand putting out fires, and they are determined to let nothing scare them," he said.

"A few women with very young children have gone to stay with friends on the mainland, but there is no question of voluntary evacuation on any scale."

The islands are 25 miles from Land's End.

RHUBARB TO MAKE WEAPONS

A Yorkshire farmer, Mr. Selwyn Wade, thinks he can help to beat Hitler—with rhubarb.

Experiments which he initiated have led scientists to believe that rhubarb will produce a substance of great value to munitions making.

The experiments have been carried out at a northern university which is on war research work.

A professor there said: "The nature of the experiments must remain secret. It would be useful to the enemy to know what we are aiming at. I think I can say that we hope to get valuable results."

Mr. Wade, who lives at Oulton, near Leeds, has been farming rhubarb—100 acres of it—all his working life.

"I remembered," he said, "that before aniline dyes were developed rhubarb was used in the dyeing industry. That gave me the idea of putting it to other industrial use."

"I sent quantities of rhubarb to the professor. Later he wrote that he had got from it a certain material which might be of great use in munitions work."

"Then he suggested that the fibre of rhubarb might serve as a substitute for wood pulp in paper-making. Experiments on that line are now being carried out by another research body."

The first indication of Italian activity came on the afternoon before Cagliari was bombed.

An enemy plane came over. British fighters were already in the air and returned soon afterwards to flash the signal "Shadower shot down."

The bombers left the Ark Royal in darkness and returned to land safely before dawn.

Another Italian scouting plane was then seen and this, too, was shot down.

Then two large formations of enemy bombers came over. The correspondent says he counted 24 in formations of six, at a height of about 16,000 feet.

Every ship in the Fleet roared into action and the sky was spotted with the bursts of anti-aircraft shells.

Salvoes of bombs came whistling down and crashed amid columns of water. No damage was done and there were no casualties.

The "cruise" was continued for some hours within easy range of Italian planes or surface craft, but neither then nor the next night was there any attack, and the next morning the Fleet came safely into harbour. — Reuter.

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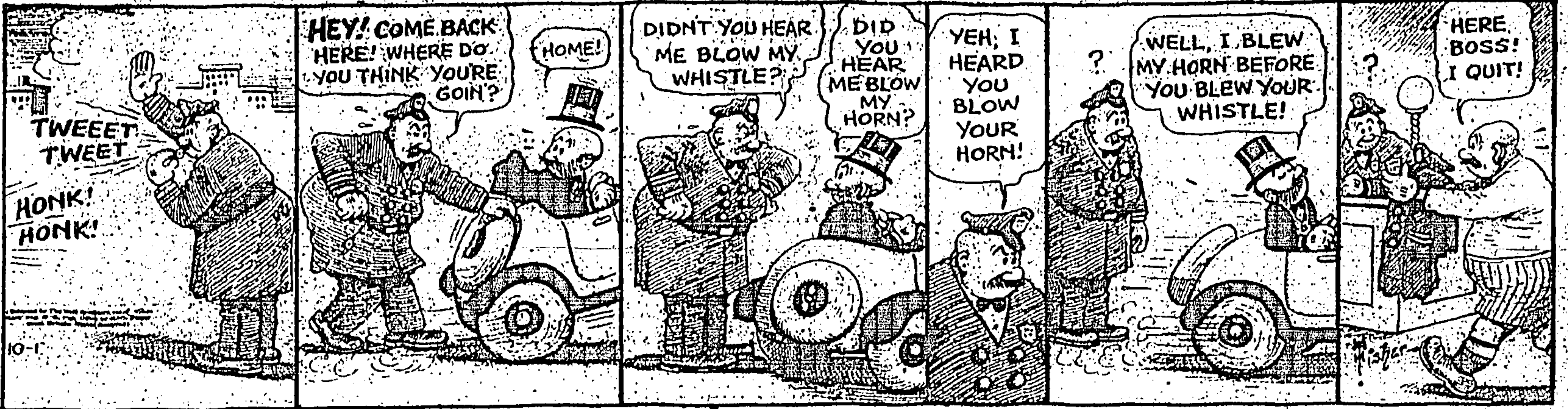
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DOZEN NEW SHOCKS IN RUMANIA

Rumania has been slightly shaken by about a dozen new earthquake shocks since Bucharest and other parts of the country were rocked by the big earth tremor over the weekend.

Subscriptions have been opened throughout the country to aid the 'quake victims. —Reuter.

VICHY GROWING ANXIOUS ABOUT STAND IN COLONIES

M. LAVAL, THE Vichy Vice-Premier, is reported from Berlin to be once again en route to Paris where, it is stated, he intends to consult with German officials.

In neutral quarters, this visit is linked up with the growing anxiety felt by the Vichy Government about the French Colonies.

It seems to be unable to withhold entirely from the French public, the news of General de Gaulle's latest successes in Gabon and a semi-official statement issued consists of a personal attack on General de Gaulle.

Signs of hurried consultations about North Africa have also been forthcoming.

Before leaving for Paris, M. Laval is reported to have seen M. Payrouton, Minister of the

Interior and former Resident-General of Morocco, and General Nogues, the actual Resident-General.

Nogues' Attitude

General Nogues, who decided to resist if Vichy ordered him to surrender to Spain or to the Axis saw General Weygand at Algiers last Friday before leaving for Vichy.

Admiral Estiva, Resident-General at Tunis, only returned to Africa from Vichy last Sunday.

Finally a flying visit of 24 hours to Algiers has just been made by a member of the Vichy Government, Vice-Admiral Platon, Under-Secretary for Colonies, who returned to Vichy on Monday, and shortly after his return conferred with Marshal Petain, Admiral Darlan, Minister of Marine, and General Huntziger, Minister of War.

According to the Zurich newspaper "La Suisse" Vichy intends to "take fresh measures for the defence of the French Colonies." —Reuter.

NEW FASHION IDEA

Shell fragment jewellery is a new feminine fashion introduced by air-raids.

Girls are collecting small pieces of Hitler's bombs and A.A. shell splinters from their boy friends and having them made up into bracelets, necklaces and earrings.

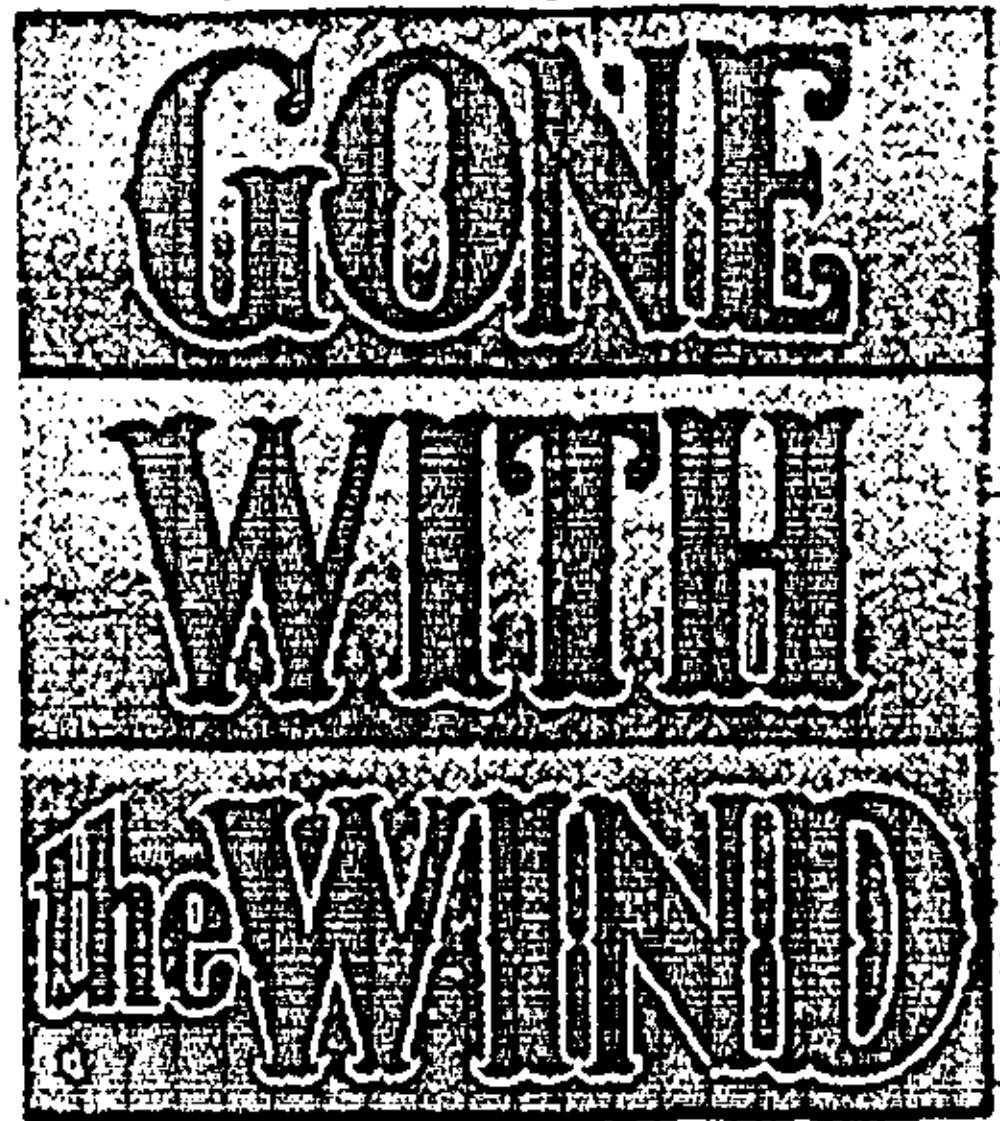
There is a rush in some districts for small splinter-picking after the "All clear" has gone. "I only want another two pieces and I'll have enough for a bracelet," one young girl told the "Daily Mirror." "As my fiancé is a member of the A.A. it will make a most appropriate keepsake." Little boys are earning pocket-money selling pieces of shell for anything from a halfpenny to threepence.

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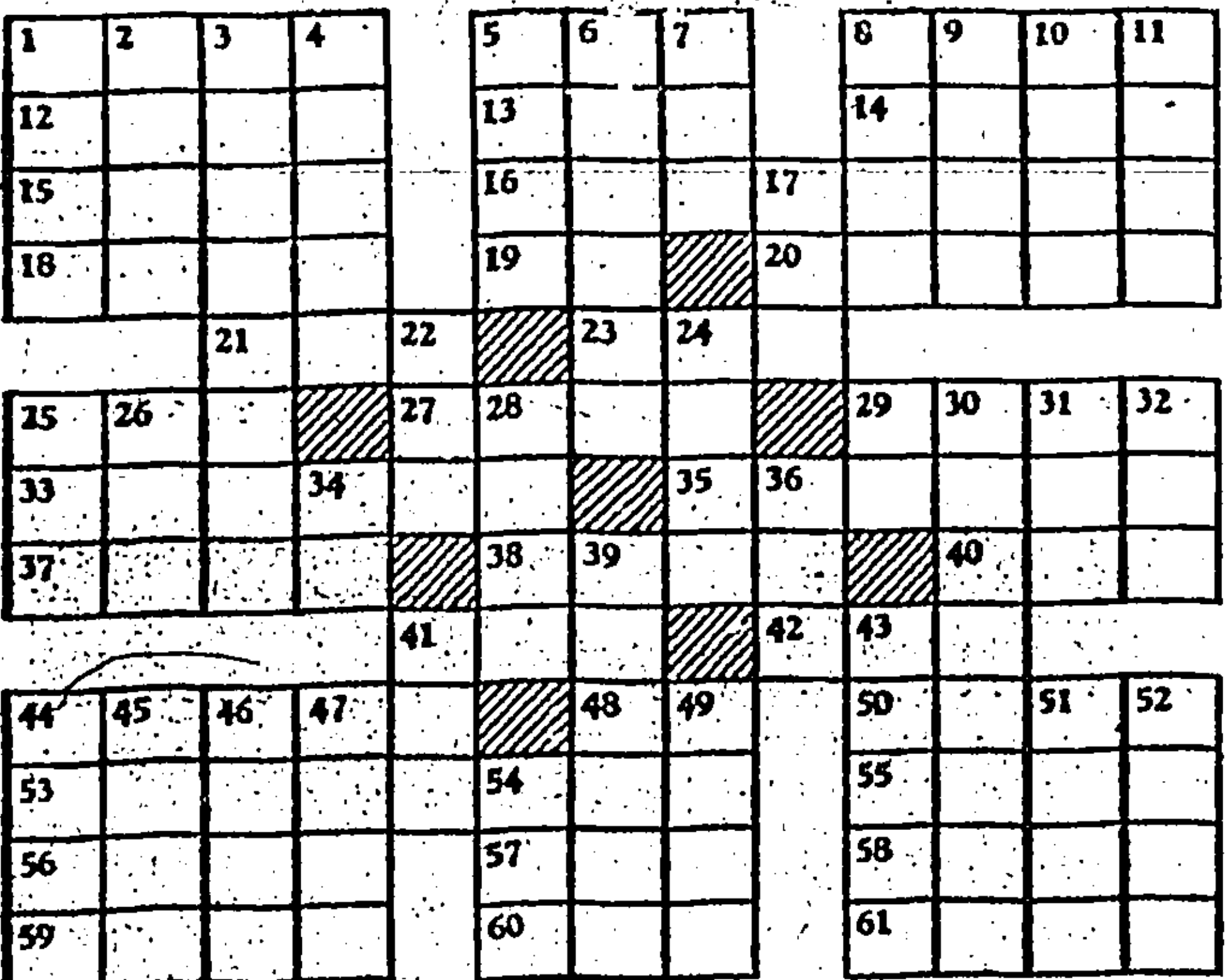
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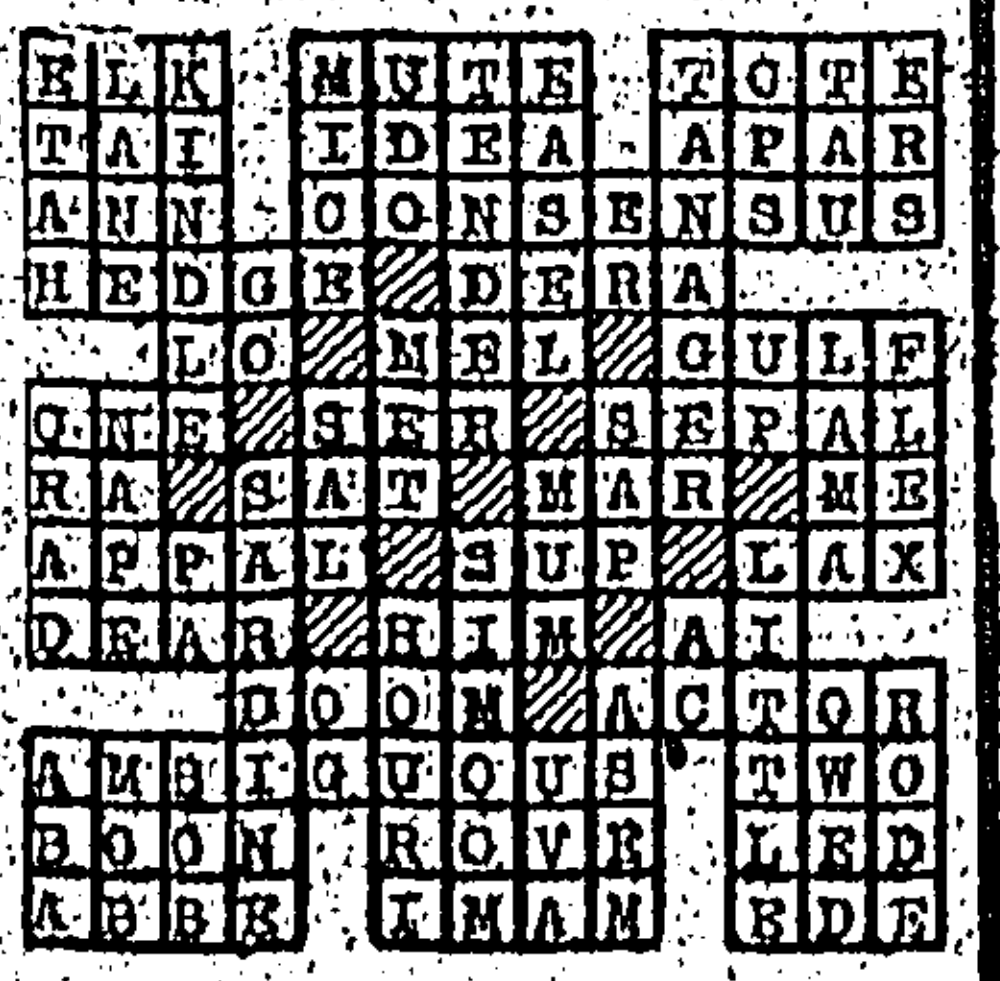
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- Wine chalice
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- Grampus
- Goddess of the harvest
- Hair-roll
- Food-fish
- Pronoun
- To vanish gradually
- To saturate
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HONG-KONG

GERMANS USING A 2-TON BOMB?

A new "super bomb" is being used against Britain, says a special cable to the New York "Daily News" from Berlin.

It weighs almost two tons, and because of its high cost it is dropped only by Stuka dive-bombers to make sure of its aim.

ITALIAN PLANE RAMMED

The British press yesterday carried photographs of some of the Italian planes brought down on Monday over Britain.

The Italians lost 13 machines, all brought down over the Thames Estuary within 15 minutes by two British squadrons, which themselves suffered no loss.

One Italian plane was rained by a British pilot who had run out of ammunition. The British plane subsequently landed safely.

The Germans lost 12 machines, so that the "bag" for the day was 25 enemy machines. Two British fighters are missing. — Reuter.

EASIER A.T.S. PROMOTIONS

Promotions in the A.T.S. are to be decided by a Selection Board which is to be set up.

The work of the Board will facilitate promotion on the recommendation of the immediate superiors with personal knowledge of the officer or member reported upon.

Confidential reports on all A.T.S. officers are to be sent to the Board at once.

Mr. Eden, War Minister, announced this in the House of Commons recently.

He also stated that an A.T.S. Council, under the supervision of the Adjutant-General, would also be set up.

Mr. Eden was replying to a question as to whether he had considered the report of the Select Committee on National Expenditure regarding the A.T.S.

Mr. Eden said that ever since the B.E.F. returned from France the Army Council had been considering reports on the work of the A.T.S., in which over 30,000 women were enrolled for military duties.

New Rations

All reports, he said, testified to the keenness and efficiency of the A.T.S., and to the great value of its work.

Many suggestions had been received to bring the organisation of the A.T.S. into closer conformity with present requirements.

The normal type of soldiers' ration, having proved too heavy for women in some respects and deficient for women in other respects, a new scale is being introduced more appropriate to the needs of the A.T.S.

Main ration changes, he said, included a slight reduction in the heavier foods, such as meat, bacon and bread; a supplementary ration of eggs, fifty per cent. extra milk, fruit and a higher scale of fresh vegetables. There is also to be a supply of breakfast cereal, a cup of chocolate and other variations.

JAPAN'S LARGE SUPPLY OF STEEL SCRAP

JAPAN MAY HAVE a one-year supply of raw materials for the manufacture of steel at the 1939 rate of output of 7,055,000 net tons, by far the highest figure in the history of Japan.

If this conclusion is accurate, it may provide the key to recent developments and the puzzling equanimity of Tokyo officials over the prospect of an immediate loss of United States and British supplies of raw materials, says Kenneth L. Austin in the "New York Times."

With respect to Japanese steel production, these raw materials are scrap steel and to a limited degree pig iron and ferro-alloys imported from the United States, and iron ore, pig iron, scrap steel, molybdenum and tin from British dependencies such as India and Malaya in the Far East.

In the six years 1934 to 1939 inclusive, the United States exported 10,550,000 net tons of scrap steel, pig iron and ferro-alloys to Japan. Exports of scrap steel alone were 9,703,000 net tons. One ton of scrap steel makes one ton of new steel. One ton of pig iron makes about nine-tenths of a ton of steel, with other materials added.

Scrap From Other Sources

Recorded Japanese imports of scrap steel from other sources in the six years were 2,872,000 net tons. This does not include vessels purchased from many countries and broken up into scrap in Japan, nor does it include imports from British dependencies since 1936, or half the period reviewed, which are an official secret.

Other Supply Sources

It is not known how much scrap steel was collected in Japan, Korea, Manchoukuo and controlled parts of China in the period. Some Japanese statements that such sources produced as much as was imported, making more than 12,000,000 tons for the six years, are obviously far too high. Other Japanese statements that domestic (which they mean as including the mainland of Asia) scrap made 30 per cent. of the steel give a figure in excess of 10,000,000 tons for the six years, which is probably high.

Taking a conservative estimate of 6,000,000 tons for domestic generation of scrap steel for the period makes a total of at least 18,775,000 tons of scrap available for the Japanese steel industry in the six years.

Japan produced 19,035,000 net tons of pig iron in the period and imported 2,831,000 tons from 1934 to 1938. British India was a principal source of this material. No figures have been available since 1936, owing to the secrecy with respect to imports of various important materials from British-controlled areas. A conservative estimate is that 20,000,000 tons of pig iron was available for the Japanese steel industry in the period.

42,175,000 Tons Of Ingots

The 18,775,000 tons of scrap would produce 18,775,000 tons of steel and the 26,000,000 tons of pig iron would produce 23,400,000 tons of steel, without allowing for negligible losses and variations, or a total of 42,175,000 net tons of tons of steel ingots.

Actual steel production was 35,500,000 net tons, leaving available materials for an additional 6,675,000 net tons of output, or virtually one year's supply. Japan produced 7,055,000 tons of steel in 1939, against 6,459,000 in 1938 and 6,400,000 in 1937. Production was 5,538,000 tons in 1936, against 5,442,000 in 1935 and 4,302,000 in 1934. The output was considerably lower in prior years, as were the figures on pig-iron output and imports and scrap steel imports.

The situation has not changed much thus far in 1940, despite

JAPANESE CONFISCATE BRITISH GOODS

Goods made in Great Britain are not only prevented from being transported but also confiscated by the Japanese in the occupied districts in China's rich provinces of Chekiang and Kiangsu, and this boycott movement has been especially accelerated after the reopening of the Burma route, according to reports published by the leading Chinese dailies in Shanghai.

Quoting recent arrivals from up-country occupied areas, the reports state that as a retaliatory measure, the Japanese have been forbidding British goods to be sent to occupied districts along the Yangtze, and have enlarged the scope of the anti-British movement.

After occupying the various districts in both provinces, the Japanese are said to have been flooding the market with Japanese goods but at the same time they allowed British and American goods to be transported and sold.

But now movement of British goods is not only restricted but they are also confiscated. It is asserted that owing to this change of policy since the re-opening of the Burma highway, British goods have totally disappeared from the market in all districts between Nanking and Shanghai.

Goods Piled Up

Even if one pays a price three or four times as big, one cannot obtain the desired British product. Confiscated British products, including cigarettes, are said to have been "piled up like mountains" at the railway stations in Changchow, Wushih and Soochow.

Retail merchants have suffered a great deal but they still think it is fortunate that only their goods have been confiscated. In many cases, they themselves are detained.

They have learned of the Chinese victory in Nanking but none of them dares to give any expressions of joy.

the war in Europe, since Japan has been able to import and produce materials at a rate keeping her abreast of steel production, according to the best available estimates.

The American embargo will alter this situation considerably, but will not be very effective for many months.



SINGAPORE

Triple-threat diplomacy by Germany, Italy and Japan brings Singapore to the intelligent attention of thousands of Americans to whom it had been only an exotic name. "The twin" meet at Singapore; it is the gateway between East and West, cross-roads of half a world.

The naval base which was opened there in 1938 is regarded as less vulnerable than Gibraltar, not to mention Hong Kong which has no hinterland. The symbolism of American cruisers at the Singapore ceremonies in February, 1938, is therefore, heightened to-day by the open threats of the Axis-Tokyo partnership against the United States.

These threats have existed—implied—for years. That is one reason why American warships joined British at Singapore. Even when it was not clear that the totalitarian advance in Europe was an American concern, it was plain that the aggressive attitude of totalitarian States could become a threat to American interests. Possibly, therefore, Singapore has not seen the last of American warships.

From the day when Britain's plans for a naval base at Singapore began to take physical shape, this position was recognised not simply as of importance to Britain but to all nations with possessions or trade interests in Southern Asia. Australians have looked to the development of an Empire defence plan based on Singapore as one of the keystones in their defence.

The equipment of the Singapore base is most impressive, including great docks, repair shops, refuelling facilities, fortification with extremely heavy guns, and an air base. It is some ten miles from the city of Singapore and protected from the mainland by a vast impenetrable swamp. Its most notable weakness must be attributed not to any geographical defect nor to its equipment, which cost over £20,000,000 and took nearly fifteen years to complete, but to the Washington Treaty under which Britain reduced its Navy so drastically.

What Singapore needs is ships. A formidable fleet, say of eight battle-ships and their quota of auxiliary craft, might make Singapore synonymous with law and order in the Far East. The Sin-

During the last war there was much justified hatred of the "brass-hat" — the man who not only led the Army from behind, but who did so without any appreciation of the conditions at the front, or of the fact that soldiers were still human beings. We are told that this is a civilians' war with the civilians in the front line. But, whatever the hat, the head within it remains the same. This war is run largely by civilians for civilians. On every hand it is not the man in uniform who builds and directs the machine; with startling pervasiveness it is an army of civilians which controls every sector of national life. The brass-hat was marked out from his fellow soldiers by the ornaments of red tabs and a veritable forest of medals. Our civilian brass-hats have no insignia to distinguish them from the common herd. Yet, contemplating their works, the colossal muddles, the interminable red tape, the procrastination and laissez-faire attitude, one is forced to the conclusion that, when the civil servant enters his office, the ordinary citizen in him is left on the mat.

That there is serious incompetence, if no worse failings, in the civil service few people now doubt. War has revealed what was scarcely concealed in the last years of peace. None will deny that the civil service can produce brilliant and capable administrators and organisers, such as Sir Wilfrid Eady. But it is a mark of the paucity of such talent that Sir Wilfrid Eady has had to hold three important posts in five years to organise new services for the Government. An administrative system which fails to produce or attract great administrators must be radically wrong. The civil service to-day is for the most part recruited under much the same conditions and organised in much the same way as it was in days when there was no contact between the Government and industry, when social services were rudimentary, and when the occasional decisions which had to be reached could be taken at his leisure by the Minister concerned, after a long and leisurely procedure of departmental examination. In ordinary commercial life, the civil service administrative system of lengthy memoranda and committees would surely bring bankruptcy in its train, even if it was not accompanied by the type of mentality which appears to find its special home in the civil

Still A Quiet Hour

The rain, we know, rains mostly on the just because "the unjust have the just's umbrellas." War twenty years ago fell mainly upon youth, at least in this country, whose general privation, though severe, never approached the unendurable. But this time much of the luck lies neither with the sexes nor the generation, but with the locality. To be old and rich in 1914 was to be certainly older and probably far richer, if still alive, in 1918. But this time increase of wealth is to our credit, extremely unlikely. Nobody, we hope, is having a good war; but some are having far less trouble than others. It all depends on where you live. Better a cottage in Cumberland than a castle in Kent.

When in the middle of 1940 the war became for Britain mainly a sea-and-air war this new kind of territorial injustice was the more emphasised. It had its ironies. Those who had most carefully made their arrangements for security found that they had chosen the wrong burrow. For a while London had the smile of South Devon and other supposedly Arcadian, untroubled, and paradisaical places. Then that tide turned and there was no particular pleasure to be discovered by dwelling in what the house agents call "the Surrey Highlands" or by communing with Kipling's dim, blue goodness of the Weald. But if you went

farther north the goodness of the hills, whether blue or green, was never better than in this meteorologically magnificent summer of 1940. When the first great air assault was being made by the massed German planes I happened to be playing croquet at Buxton. Croquet is a gentle pastime, in the best Elizabethan sense of the word, a mannerly, companionable, graceful exercise demanding immense precision of eye and hand, a calculating, forward-thinking, almost mathematical mind, and an imperturbable patience and mastery of temper. It happens in pleasant places and consumes serene and sunlit hours. Planning your break while you wait for your opponent's hand to slip is indeed a green thought in a green shade. Croquet, of course, is a form of strife, as all games are, a form in which the arrival of the foe to break up your strategy, which reached towards celestial triumphs, may be likened to the remorseless action of a dive bomber. Yet, for all its raids and revenges, croquet somehow is the symbol of tranquil and untroubled years.

That such soft sylvan music as the click of the mallet or the prattle of the bowlers on the neighbouring and exquisite lawns should be serenely played while the infernal orchestra screamed over counties not an hour's flight away seemed preposterous and utterly unjust. After my croquet I walked in Derbyshire on that afternoon of massed murder in the not-so-far South-east. It was a day of breeze and brilliance, turning grey to gold. Standing on the platform of that simple little station marked on my ticket as Chapel-en-le-Frith, I saw the shire, not usually to be set among our more gaily coloured counties, rolling away northward. It was a terrestrial ocean, a tumble of reared and crested land waves, an undulant majesty of grit and lime-

Bankruptcy Of The Civil Service

(A Cutting From "Truth")

service. Civil servants are given no responsibility and they develop no sense of responsibility. Few regard themselves in any sense as the servants of the public. To them the public, and especially that part which is foolish enough to earn its living by producing goods, is something to be, if not despised, at least looked down upon from the Olympian heights, in whose rarefied atmosphere it appears inconceivable that a particular individual should really need

as a matter of bare existence, a decision to be taken within a week, much less a day or an hour.

It is the same type of civil servant who takes most delight in observing the full traditional procedure of memoranda and committees and conferences. His memoranda may be works of considerable literary merit of an academic type. But they are interminable and indeterminate. Not being publicly responsible for the action taken, he is not concerned

to make concrete recommendations. Impressed from his first days with the necessity of being judicial, he invariably seeks refuge in a verdict of "not proven." The same civil servants delight in going from committee to committee like fashionable ladies from tea-party to tea-party, where they will exchange their witticisms and the scandal of the parish. All points of view will be put, but little action will result. The committee reaches its perfection when the interests of a number of departments conflict. There must be co-ordination. Co-ordination, at best, means a compromise on half-hearted action which represents the highest common factor of agreement. More often the highest factor of agreement is a unanimous decision to do nothing. It is exceedingly rare that an inter-departmental committee settles down with the genuine intention of finding the best way of achieving an object, even if it means over-riding the unimportant interests of a few departments.

One conviction held deeply and seriously by all civil servants is that the civil service is the last word in good administration and that without the press and the public, who always want the impossible or the inadvisable, the country, or what would be left of it, would be run perfectly. They are, moreover, quite convinced that the secrets of good administration have been given only to the select band of permanent civil servants and that, while an increase in their numbers might be good for the country and for themselves, an expansion in their ranks by the introduction of interlopers trained to quicker methods in more mundane walks of life is a thing to be strongly opposed. Civil servants are not merely a very close trades union. They are a jealous clique. They hate with an intense jealousy the temporary civil servants introduced since the outbreak of war.

There is no single cure for these ills. But the evil spirit pervading much of the civil service must be cut out, root and branch. It is not merely a problem for post-war consideration. It affects the very dynamic of our war-machine. The only immediate remedy is the utterly ruthless eradication of all individuals who display these vices. After the war we can discuss new administrative methods and new methods of recruitment. The one certainty is that it must not be left to civil servants to mend their system.

"THE CUBS ARE WITH YOU, DAD!"



From "The Argus" (Melbourne)

By Ivor Brown

more for Hitler by his barbarism than he is for Britain by his horticulture. There are infinite patches still for the potato; must the greens we eat consume the nobler greens of our more gracious games?

Let all such beauties and quietudes be protected and sustained. A piece of good grass and green shade is the symbol of the spirit's peace, as Marvell knew. To describe a lawn, as did the author of "Leaves of Grass," as "the handkerchief of the Lord, a scented gift and remembrance designedly dropt," may smack too much of sentiment for the ordinary taste. But when we are thinking of the cruel contrasts of this war, of the harassed village and the hamlet undisturbed, of slumbrous vicarage gardens and the roaring, blasted heath, let us at least flee from the fallacy that we redeem one loss by inflicting another.

To those enduring the fearful risks and strains of aerial battle and to those who suffer the prolonged and grinding discipline of continual warnings and of vigils long enforced the undimmed and tranquil hour may seem a far-off, impossible bliss. Descending yet again to a cellar more stuffy than cool and listening to the drone of death above and without, we may easily be jealous of the Pennine shepherd or the silvered seniors taking tea or sport upon our English lawns; but there is a pleasure, too, if bitter-sweet, in thinking of the good affairs, of Great Gable burrashed in the autumn sun, of the tumbling Tees at Cauldron Snout, of a desperate putt which seemed to flag, then struggled up and fell. Somewhere amid the din, the squalor, and the danger memory tells of quiet hours for hope to recreate and minds to feed upon. Sentimental? Escapist? Call it what you will. Still the happiest way to sit among the sandbags is to think of green places once more to be trodden, savoured, and possessed.

stone combers: these seas, so often grey beneath a grizzling sky, were now serene and shimmering in "fantastic summer's heat." Between me and Chapel itself crickets flashed white, while a hearty, thumping batsman heaved all his crouched bulk into a gigantic pull: it was the kind of glorious village clout which sets men running five or six while the bemused fielder wades ankle-deep in the long grass.

This 1940? Never. It was the high and serene summer of any halcyon year when the sun shone and men were glad. Drake, bowling at Plymouth, was never pinned to more pacific grass or set against a better backcloth of the English scene. And elsewhere? Well, franger still, while the hall's tattoo was sounding incessantly beside the cricket fields of Kent, above merry Dover, where Lancashire men have so often been most mettlesome, over august Canterbury and Tonbridge, great nurse of men, one Sergeant Compton was going his playboy way to a century at Lord's, just as if life were young again and the sky a fleecy mattress for smiling Cupids or pacific cherubim.

He would be foolish who wished these trifles away. One indignant but misguided lady had complained at the sight of so much lawn in Buxton; she would have had nothing but cabbage-patch, planting sprouts and savoy, where the bowlers strove on their patch of green velvet; she would have sown gross cauliflowers where the croquet hoops and tennis nets now stood. I take leave to think that the amount of cabbage now growing in this country is sufficient to sadden the palate, while it may satisfy the stomachs of all our millions. The perfect lawn is so very native and noble a thing, the belated and very necessary dividend of our grey, moist, misty winters, that no who would destroy or diminish these sweet, calm, and consoling spaces is doing

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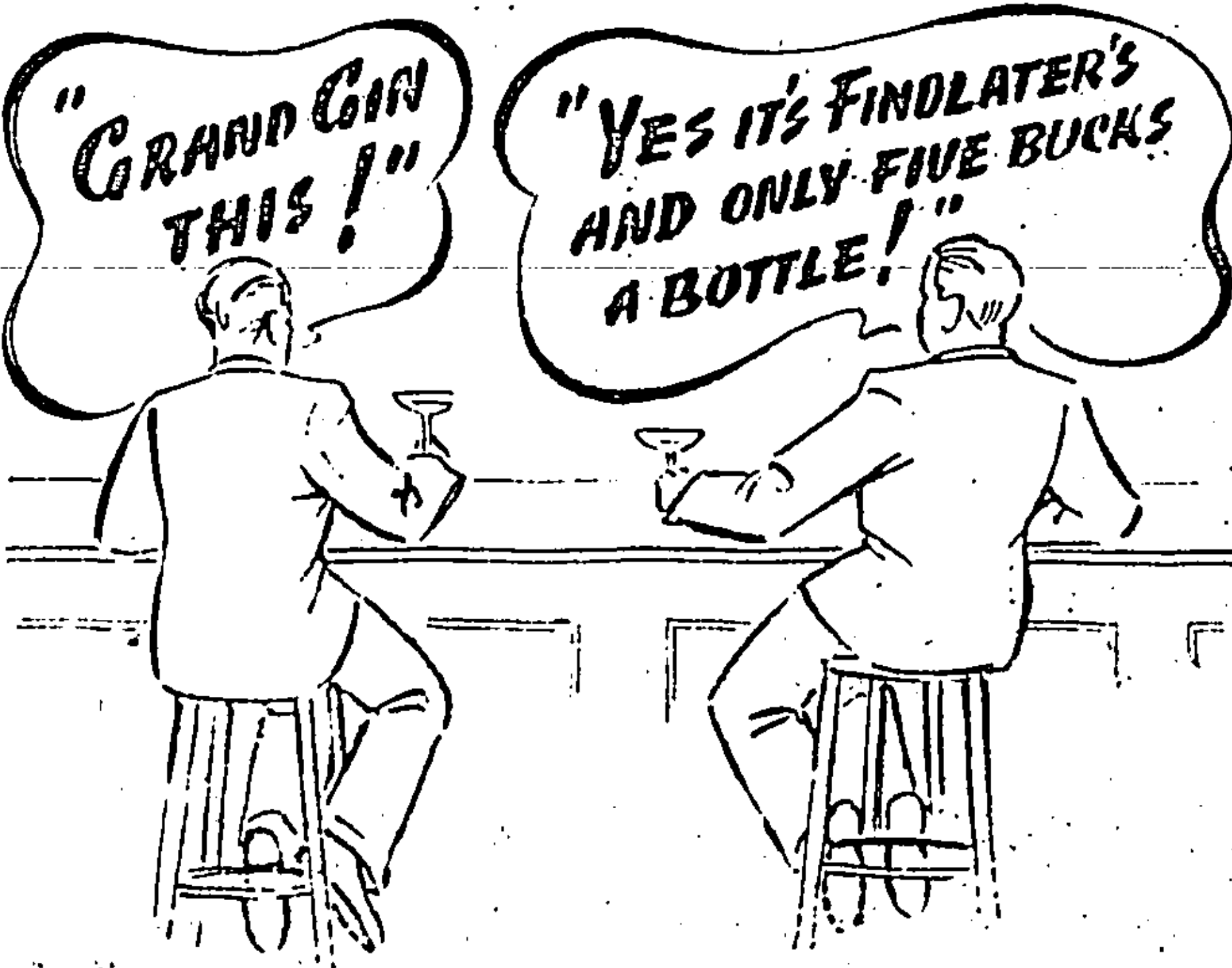
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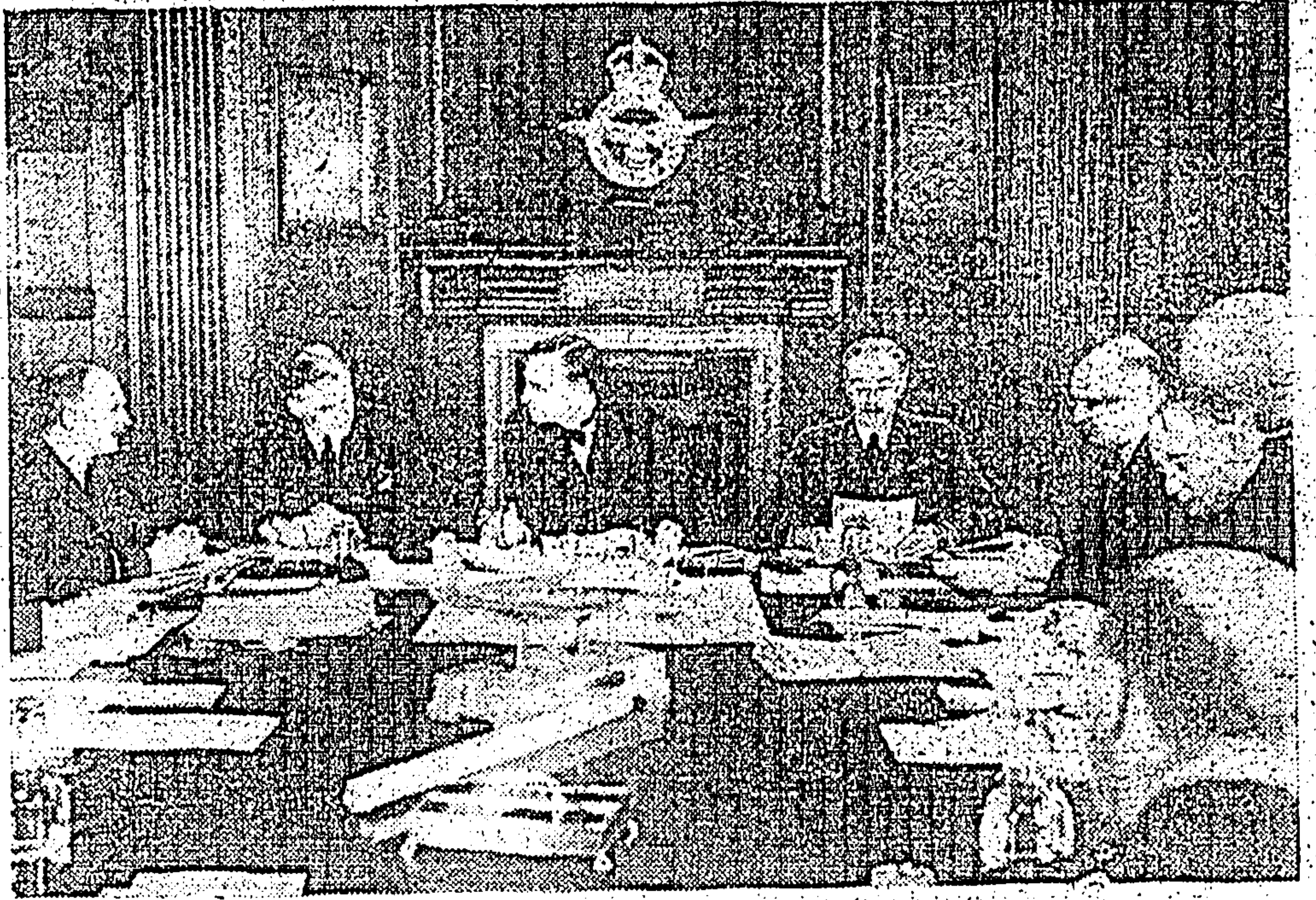
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A meeting of the British Air Council at the Air Ministry, the Royal Air Force's headquarters in London. Sir Archibald Sinclair (centre), Air Minister, leans over to say a word to Air Marshal E. L. Gossage, Air Member for Personnel. On Sir Archibald's left is Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, who has just resigned as Chief of the Air Staff and on his right is Captain H. A. Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air.

NAZI ECONOMICS IN OCCUPIED AREAS

EVIDENTLY GERMANY is pursuing the same subtle economic policy in the occupied territories as she followed in the Balkans under the guidance of Dr. Schacht and Dr. Funk. The similarity of the methods adopted in exploiting these countries for Germany's own ends is the subject of expert comment in London.

The main Nazi aim in South-eastern Europe was so to link the economic systems of the Reich with those territories that they would remain attached financially and commercially even in case of war.

The Germans bought the agricultural produce of the Balkans on long-term contracts, often at above world quotations, and assured those countries a steady sale over a number of years. As a result the latter gained extended credits with which they could purchase what the Reich chose to offer, which was largely armaments and machinery and sometimes goods of the now almost proverbial "aspirin and mouth-organ" type.

But as the flow of goods to Germany was much more regular than the supply in return, the Balkans in most cases accumulated large credit balances in Berlin.

Another disadvantage was that the Nazis might charge heavily for their goods or might insist on an unfair valuation of the mark. The latter trick was worked on the Rumanians.

At the same time, the Balkans, by selling so much of their produce to the Reich, could not supply other markets in free exchange countries and were therefore unable to acquire free currencies. Thus they were deprived of goods from such countries.

Under these conditions the fate of the Balkans was to become the larder of Germany and to see their factory industries gradually vanish. In order to make up deficiencies in the Reich they were obliged, for instance, to plant increasing areas to soya beans and sun flower. Denmark has now to plant more oil-seeds.

Two-Way Inflation

In the occupied territories very much the same type of exploitation is proceeding, but on an extended and rather refined scale. In these cases, however, there is no limit to the accumulation of clearing balances against Germany. The invaded lands can go on exporting to the Reich and receive no goods in return.

In Belgium credit is given by the Central Bank to exporters who have sold to Germany. Thereby a two-way inflation is created, since the more goods leave the country the more money circulates in it. The German clearing debt to Denmark at

the beginning of July was estimated at 150,000,000kr., and the Danish export surplus in less than three months of German occupation at 200,000,000kr. This figure is remarkable, as it is identical with that of Denmark's normal quarterly exports to all countries (not her quarterly export surplus).

As in the Balkans, so in the occupied territories, there has also been manipulation of the rate of exchange to the advantage, of course, of the invader.

For example, the French franc is now valued at 20 to the mark; the Belgian franc, which at the time of the occupation was 10 to the mark, has gone to 12.5; while the Dutch guilder has moved from 0.67 to 0.75. Similarly, the goods which the occupied territories can import, and their price, are entirely in the power of the Reich. None can be brought from overseas.

Therefore the Germans do not have to undersell competitors and can charge what they like. Nor do the Nazi Government need to subsidise exporters in order to keep prices down.

German Admissions

From all this evidence it is clear that in the same way as the Balkan economic system was re-planned to meet German needs, the occupied territories would be reduced to the status of agricultural countries supplying an industrial conqueror.

The standard of living would be lowered just as that of the Poles and Czechs. Some frank admissions of these objects have been made in the German Press and broadcasts.

Hilversum gave a plain hint to Holland saying: "It is economic madness for every country to try to produce everything from pins to large machines. Nor should large industries be established which do not pay their way."

The "Volksbeobachter" announced recently that "with the German talent for organisation French resources would be exploited to the full extent. We Germans are just as much interested in the French harvest as the French themselves." In short, Nazi methods in the

"PROTECTION" NOT WANTED

Representatives of the Swiss Legation, representing German affairs in Britain, have recently been permitted by the Home Office to visit internment camps to offer internees the protection of the Swiss Government.

It is understood that in nearly every case avowed Nazis have availed themselves of the offer, while anti-Nazis have refused, stating they prefer the protection of the British Government.

TRAPPED MOTHER RESCUED

A young mother, trapped with her baby under the wreckage of her London suburban home when it was bombed, was rescued by A.R.P. workers, twenty-seven hours after they first heard her cry: "Please help me and my baby."

The woman was unconscious. The rescue squads, working in shifts, had to dig 15 feet before they could reach her.

"One of them" told a reporter: "We were not sure where to dig at first, as we did not know whether the inhabitants of the houses were in basement cellars or shelters."

"The mother's cry guided us."

The Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls and the Blind Home, Pokfulam are holding a United Sale of Work at Phillips House, Mody Road, Kowloon, today.

occupied territories are a natural sequel to Dr. Funk's statement of July 25 in the economic reconstruction of Europe, which concluded with these words:

"Every European country is to develop its own economic resources and to trade with other countries, but the principles and methods regulating such trade will have to be more or less German."



Eastern clothes and Western arms . . . Men of the Arab Legion, almost entirely made up of Bedouin Arabs, patrol the deserts of Transjordan and fight with the British.

PLEASURE SHIP KEEPS WATCH IN CHANNEL

THOUGH GREY war paint now covers her peace-time white and gold, it cannot disguise the lines of an excursion steamer familiar to tens of thousands of holiday-makers, writes a correspondent.

She is H.M.S. Anonymous now, and she shares with many other craft a ceaseless day and night patrol around the coasts of Britain. Pom-pom guns and a searchlight complete her transformation from pleasure steamer to man-o'-war.

Her task is to watch for any signs of enemy movement and to report the passage of air raiders on their way coastwards.

I spent one night on board the Anonymous anchored out of sight of land—farthest outpost off this part of the coast.

Thanks largely to our vessel and her nameless sister ships convoys pass safely almost every day. If any aircraft comes within range, our guns and searchlight are ready. Until then the ship is silent in a black-out so complete that no man may even smoke a cigarette on deck.

Unseen Watchers

Our role is to watch unseen. This night there is a stir of anticipation on board. Over the ship's radio a report has been received from R.A.F. reconnaissance aircraft that there is "activity" off the enemy coast. German vessels are on the move.

Perhaps they are only "prowlers." Perhaps they are transports hugging their own coast. But there is a possibility that they are headed this way. The thought gives an added keenness to the watch. But though no surface craft is sighted the whole night through, we had not long to wait for activity in the air.

"Target," shouts the look-out man, and a couple of seconds later the officer of the watch calls out the raider's position to the captain. At intervals the officer reports its bearings and distance.

The plane is crossing our bows from port to starboard, too distant but coming nearer. As a certain bearing and height are called the captain gives an order for one of the starboard guns to be ready to fire. Two steel-helmeted figures step quietly forward from the shadows below the bridge. The bomber is almost within range.

A tense thirty seconds pass. Then the officer of the watch

gives a new position, with a shade of disappointment in his voice. "Stand easy," the captain calls in almost conversational tones, to the gun crew below. The plane has passed out of range.

Suddenly the midnight silence is torn by the ringing of electric bells throughout the ship. Action stations! Sleeping men spring to their feet, seize life jackets and helmets and race for the companion way, agile shadows scamper along the dark decks.

In a few seconds without an order being given every man has reached his station. Every gun is manned and ready. The raider has at last come within range. Bearings are called and a blinding beam leaps from our searchlight.

One of the pom-poms opens; a rattle of fire. Our target has been identified as a bomber making seaward, returning probably from a raid on London. Strained seconds pass as the gun shudders and the searchlight prods the sky. But in less than a minute the chance of securing a hit has gone. Jerry is lucky this time.

Night Raiders

So the night passes. Targets are heard and they fly onward out of range. But all are reported to the guns on shore, each report diminishing the raiders' chances of reaching his objective unhindered.

From the distant shore come continual flashes of anti-aircraft gunfire showing that "targets" which pass too high for us are being tackled elsewhere.

Those who man this outpost of Britain's defences come from many walks of life. All the officers are reservists or volunteer reservists. One of them, a former merchant service officer, was stage-managing a West End play when war broke out. Another, a young man, who had spent all his spare time sailing, was accounting to a hotel in Portsmouth.

DESTROYERS' "DAY OFF"

At sea, says the Navy, this is the destroyers' war. Any sailor will remind you that we began this war with only a quarter of the number of destroyers that we had in 1914. That is the importance of the fifty from the United States, and that is why destroyers are perhaps the busiest of British warships. When they can be spared from patrol and escort duties they must turn out for war-like exercises that change their tactical character as the war goes on.

A correspondent spent a day at sea recently with a flotilla of destroyers that packed into eight hours tactical exercises that might in peace-time have been spread over as many weeks. These ships practised shooting of many types, a description of which, of course, I am not allowed to give.

Smoke-Screens

The flotilla then practised the laying of a smoke-screen and the co-ordination of its searchlights. Practical work at sea in this war has demonstrated the value of smoke-screens. Operations in Norwegian waters, and especially the Almark foray, have shown the advantage that powerful searchlights, skilfully used, can give to an attacking naval force.

These operations he had watched from the high bridge or from the transmission-room of the flotilla leader. For the last exercise, a torpedo attack at speed, he went down to the extreme stern of the ship. There, only a couple of feet above the water, he could see the creamy turmoil of their own wake as high as a man above him and their flotilla racing through a sea which the ships flung as high as their own bridges.

Before he had watched the flotilla in line ahead from our own bridge, each ship slicing two high blue-and-white arcs from the grey sea, each ship with a smaller replica behind it, and the ensign at our own stern-post the foreground to the whole picture. That had been a fine sight, but one that can be seen in too many films and on too many patriotic postcards. A flotilla tearing to the attack seen from amongst them and at sea-level is a rarer and a fiercer spectacle.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Eleventh Extra Race Meeting,
16th November, 1940

HANDICAP WEIGHTS

Race No. 4. New Bridge Handicap—First Section.

Race No. 5. Castle Peak Handicap—First Section.

Race No. 6. New South Wales Handicap.

Weights in the above have been reduced 5 lb. all round.

The correct weights will appear in the Race Book.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th November, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE ELEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th November, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong 14th Nov., 1940.

BRIDGE NOTES

BRIDGE SWINDLES — NO. 13

By The Four Aces

"The hand is quicker than the eye," the magician tells you, but the secret is misdirection; and West made use of the same principle in to-day's hand:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
Pass Pass

The bidding:

North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
Pass Pass

West opened the Jack of hearts, dummy ducked, and East signalled encouragement with the ten. West led his other heart and East won with the heart Queen and laid down the heart Ace. It was at this point that West found a way to execute a neat swindle.

He realised that his Jack of trumps was worthless unless his partner had the blank Queen. For if South had both the Ace and Queen of trumps, he would surely win the first two tricks in his own hand, and thus find out that West had started with four trumps. It would then be easy to finesse through West's trumps. So West's only real chance was to confuse South into the hope that East had the blank Queen-Jack of trumps.

West's play was to trump his partner's Ace of hearts! Then he returned a diamond. South won and naturally assumed that West's trumps were worthless since he could afford to trump his partner's Ace.

So when South's Ace of spades dropped East's Queen, he decided that East was trying a crude false-card with the doubleton Queen-Jack. Therefore he played the King of spades from the dummy on the next trick, and West was then assured of the setting trick.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
Pass Pass

The bidding:
Jacoby You Scheiken Maier
1♥ (?)

ANSWER: Pass. Despite your high-card strength, your hand is not good for enough actual tricks to warrant a vulnerable overcall. Your length in hearts indicates that the opening bidder's partner will have no fit for that suit and will therefore be inclined to look for a penalty double if he has a fair hand.

Score 100% for pass, 60% for one spade.

Question No. 563

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you hold:

North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
Pass Pass

The bidding:
You Maier Schenken Jacoby
1♥ 2♦ 2♥ Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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Modern Mitzle is one of those current debutantes—she came out in 1936 and hasn't been home since.



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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"We've come to an understanding, Mother — now we're going to patch things up."

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WORST MAN

"Got the ring safely?"

"The ring? Oh. Wait a minute. Ring. Here it is. No. Confound it. Where is it? Could have sworn it was in this pocket."

"You will find it nestling coily in the bottom right-hand waistcoat pocket."

"Oh yes. Of course. So it is. Ha! Ha! Funny if I lost it. Yes. I say — let's go over this business once more. Now what do I do when ..."

"My dear Peter, look at your tie. Pull yourself together. Remember, I'm the man who's going to be married, not you."

"Oh. Are you? I mean yes — of course. Fact is, old boy, I'm in a rather weak state. That celeb-

nion of yours last night. Oh my poor head. I'm sure I won't be able to squeeze it into that wretched topper."

"If you'd only taken my advice last night and stuck to gin and Rose's ..."

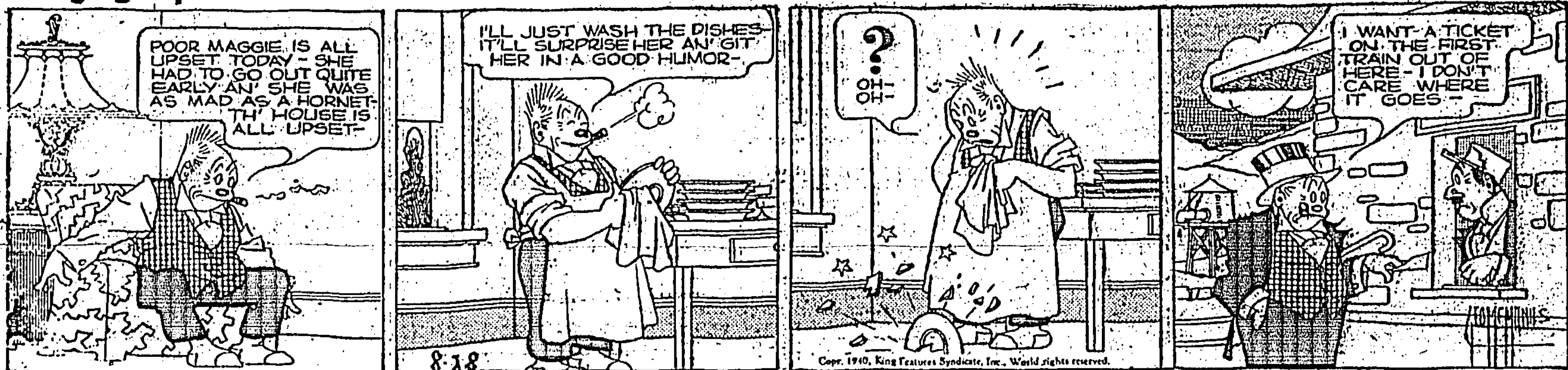
"Rose's? Oh yes. For the bridesmaids. I thought you said they were to be carnations."

"Rose's Lime Juice, blockhead! Prevents hangovers. Therapeutic action. I wish I'd rammed a quart of it down your silly throat. Next time I get married, Peter, remember — you stick to gin and Rose's the night before."

"Oh yes. Thanks for the tip. I will. I say — Charles — where did I put that ring? I could have sworn ..."

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Ten Timely Suggestions

No girl is born a belle—she usually earns her popularity by being interesting to talk with and most personable in her appearance. Many very popular girls are not beautiful—but they are attractive for they have the sense to make the most of themselves.

They see that they exercise out of doors or at home on a mat. They find stretching movements make them graceful, bumps and thumps keep their figures streamlined!

They sleep sufficiently to keep eyes sparkling, skin clear and dispositions engaging! If one night keeps them up too late they hop into bed earlier the next night. Cat naps in the afternoon taken in the "beauty-angle" with feet higher than head builds beauty.

They watch their menus. They eat enough for strength and ignore between-meal-snacks at the corner drugstore. They know plenty of fruit and many salads during summer should be the major part of their nourishment.

They keep hair glossy with care—much brushing, regular shampoos every ten days or two weeks, and frequent scalp massages. During summer they never allow sun or salt water dim their

tresses. Vanity sees to that!

They take the trouble to learn how to preserve their teeth. Semiannual examinations are good you know, but daily care of brushing, chewing, and using dental floss are more important. They keep mouths free of acids by keeping healthy.

They realize skin health is the foundation of skin beauty. Cleanliness is first in their thoughts so that means daily tubbings, facial shampoos after cream cleansings. Tired make-up is never covered with fresh.

They take time to study how much make-up they should wear. No occasion finds them with too much rouge and powder and lipstick. Fingertips match their lips always, and for sports they usually look delightfully casual even though it might have taken them an hour to dress! No set hair styles, subtle cosmetic artifice!

They sense the importance of personal daintiness. No day, no matter how sweltering, finds them limp. Fresh as a daisy and as sweet smelling as a freshly bathed babe, is their motto. Depilatories, anti-perspirants, deodorants, shields and refreshing colognes are stocked regularly. Lingerie touches of dress

are kept immaculate. Nails are beauty assets always.

They check on fatigue or other ailment. Good health, good looks; poor health, no beauty.

They take study or work in their stride and know when to take time for play. All work, no play makes Susie a dull doll!

They value their femininity and put a high price upon it. Swains dance attendance and handle them with reverence for a belle, who masters poise through self-confidence, can usually choose her own stag line! She keeps lovely for the joy of it and men proudly seek her company!

A HOT MAIN-DISH PIE

for a Gadabout Day

by Dorothy Greig

WHEN mother would remark, "That's a dish to save for one of my gadabout days," we knew the dish in question was a simple one to prepare. On shopping days, club days, church meeting days, one of her "gadabout" dishes was certain to turn up for the evening meal.

And it's a good idea to keep in mind a few extra easy dishes for just such busy outside days. The hot pie I am going to tell you about is of that sort.



It is hearty and satisfying with hard-cooked eggs and salmon as its mainstay and condensed clam chowder soup for a deeply flavorful sauce. And it boasts a superb cheese pastry crust. When that crust is broken into and the helpings lifted smoking hot and savory, onto warmed plates... ah, my dears, here is food to be relished.

You can save last minute preparation time by hard-cooking the eggs at breakfast time and also by working the pastry and putting it to chill in the refrigerator before you go out.

Egg and Salmon Pie with Cheese Crust

1 can condensed clam chowder
1/2 cup milk
1 can (1 pound) salmon
3 hard-cooked eggs

Stir the milk into the clam chowder. Slice the eggs and arrange the slices in the bottom of a buttered casserole. Pour one-half of the clam chowder (which has been mixed with the milk) over the sliced eggs. Then arrange the layer of flaked salmon (from which the bones and dark skin have been removed) in the casserole. Pour the remaining clam chowder over the salmon. Cover with the cheese crust.

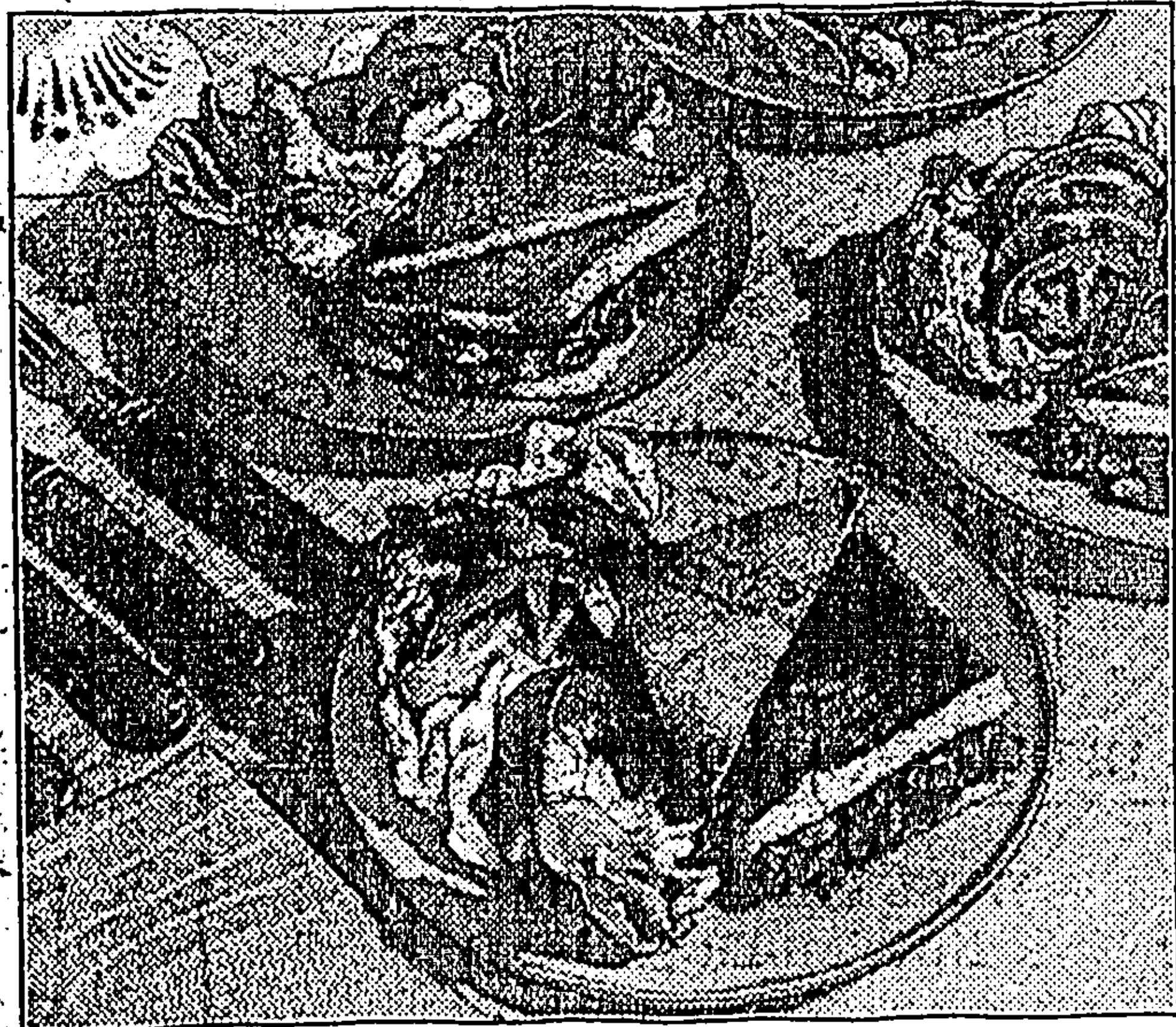
Cheese Crust:
1 1/2 cups sifted flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup shortening
3-4 tablespoons cold water
3/4 cup grated cheese

Sift flour, measure, add salt and sift again. Cut in the shortening. Add water, gradually, and mix with a fork, adding only enough water to hold the mixture together. Chill thoroughly in the refrigerator. Roll out on a slightly floured board, then sprinkle with the 3/4 cup grated cheese. Fold over 3 times and roll out again. Put cheese crust on Egg and Salmon Pie and bake in a hot oven (450°) for 25-35 minutes.

PORK and BEANS

suggested by Dorothy Greig

A CERTAIN small boy I know announced importantly one day, "I like beans." "Why do you like pork and beans?" inquired his grandmother. "Because," said our young fry patting his round little tummy, "they fill me up nice and full."



Tasty Bean Sandwiches can be quickly whipped together for a quick supper or luncheon dish.

Well, pork and beans do seem to satisfy hunger completely. That's one reason they send young and grown-ups alike on their way contentedly. Another reason is their tender nut-like flavor... the result of lean, bacon pork and zesty tomato sauce slow-cooked together until these mingled flavors got right down inside the beans.

Of course, pork and beans are a fine dish, heated just as they come from the can. That's just one way of serving them, however. There are others. For instance, how about this sandwich?

Tasty Bean Sandwiches
1 can (16 oz.) pork and beans
2 tablespoons sweet relish (Indian relish, sweet pickle relish)
2 tablespoons salad dressing or mayonnaise

Mash the beans and add relish and salad dressing, mix thoroughly. Spread between slices of toast or

bread. Makes 8 sandwiches.

Place one of these on a plate, add sliced tomatoes and lettuce on the side... good—and filling. For a quick supper on a Sunday evening, I recommend it.

My next suggestion for pork and beans is a hot casserole. I like this particularly well on a day that's sharp.

Tomato and Bean Casserole
1 can pork and beans (16 oz.)
1 tomato
3 slices bacon
Salt and pepper

Put the pork and beans in two individual casseroles. Make a nest in the top of casserole of pork and beans and place one-half tomato in each. Sprinkle tomatoes with salt and pepper. Cut the slices of bacon in half and place three pieces over beans and tomatoes. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven for 20-25 minutes.

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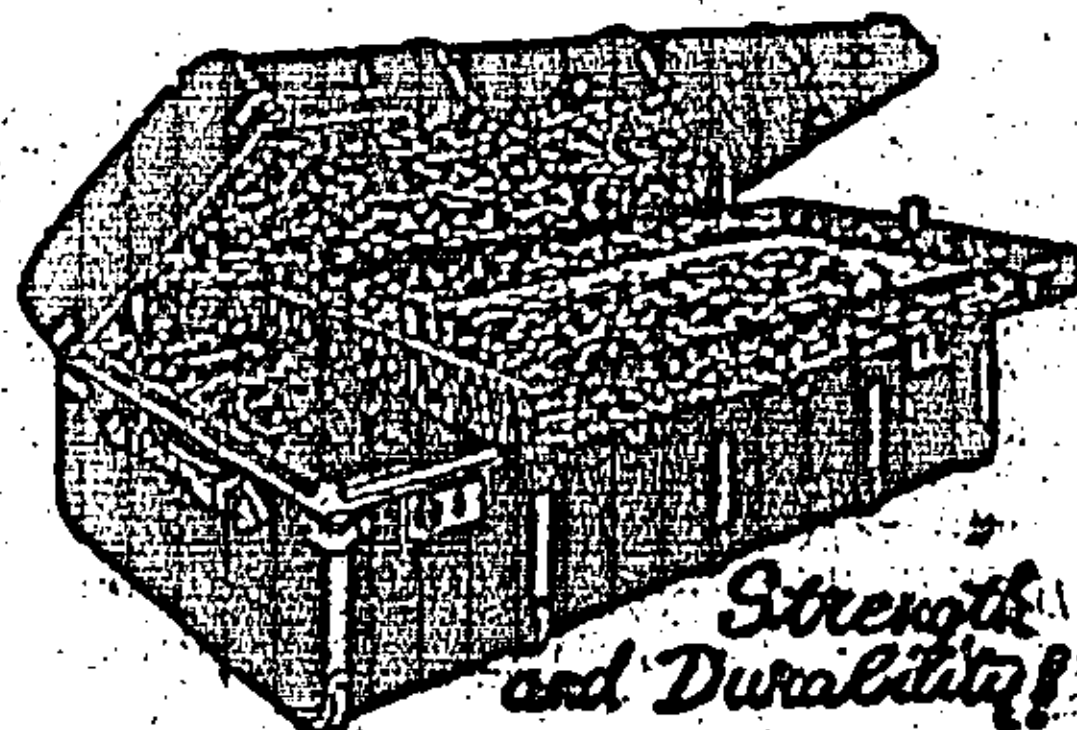
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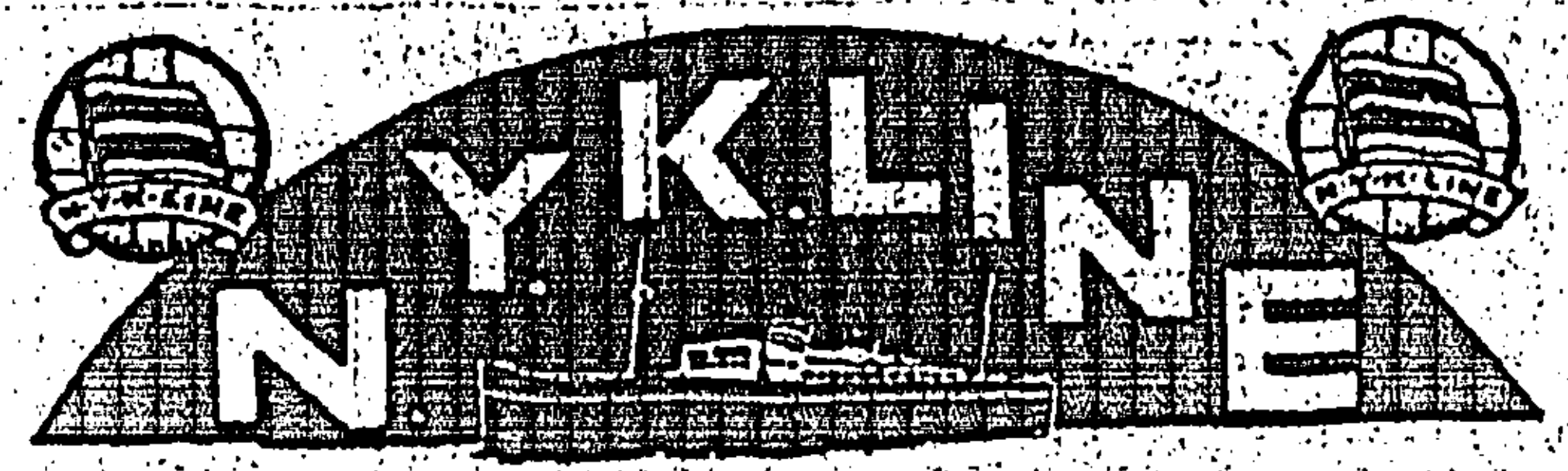
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An air mail service providing a connection with British Overseas Airways at Rangoon will be available during the period of suspension of the Hong Kong-Bangkok Service. The postage rates for all destinations will be \$1.50 per 1/2 oz. for letters and \$0.75 each for postcards. Mail for this service should be superscribed "Via Rangoon" and bear the usual blue air mail label.

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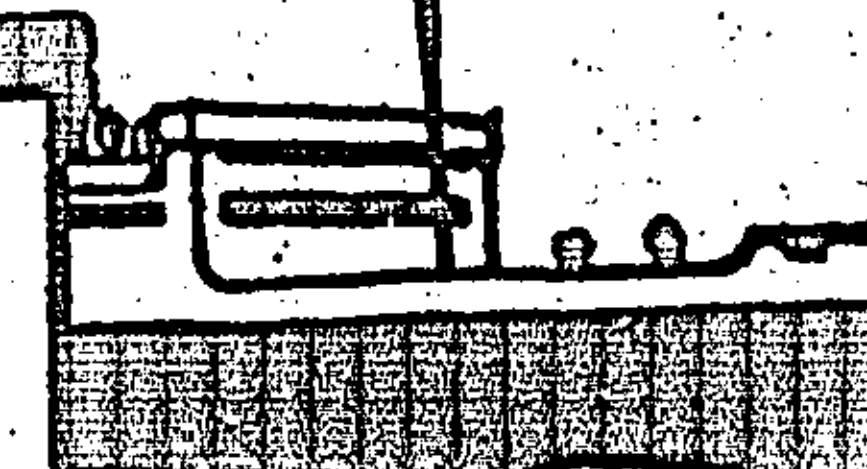
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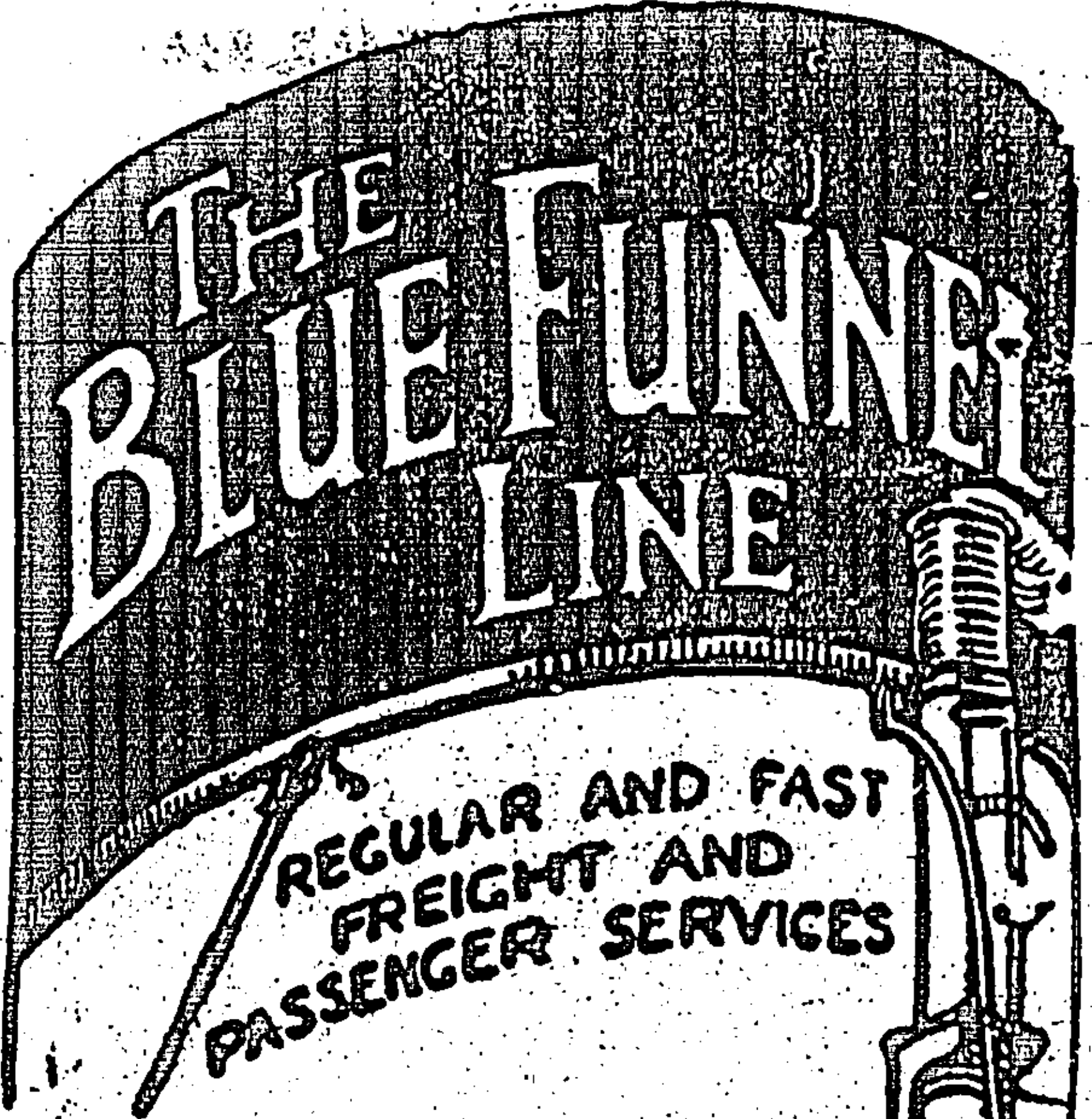
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1.03 p.m.—Compositions of Moszkowski.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Variety Programme.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Brahms—Quartet in G Minor, Op. 25.
1st Mov: Allegro.
2nd Mov: (Intermezzo)—Allegro ma non troppo. (Conclusion)—Trio—Animato—Tempo del Intermezzo and Coda—Animato.
3rd Mov: Andante con moto—Animato.
4th Mov: (Rondo alla zingarese)—Presto—Arthur Rubinstein & M.M. Onnou Prevost and Maas of the Pro Arte Quartet.
6.37 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.40 p.m.—Violin Recital by Joseph Szigeti.
Menuet (Debussy-Dushkin).
Piece En Forme D'Habenera (Ravel—Leduc).
Study in Thirds (Scriabin, Op. 8, No. 10).
Sonata No. 3 in D (Weber) — (a) Chant Russe, (b) Rondo.
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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Carry On": "The Happy Half-Hour", Presented by Carroll Lewis.
8.03 p.m.—Billy Mayerl—Aquarium Suite.
8.15 p.m.—Organ and Soprano Recital by Harold Ramsay and Mavis Bennett.
8.40 p.m.—London Relay—Musical feature: "A Blast for Tobacco".
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "To Talk of Many Things".
9.45 p.m.—John Gay's "The Beggar's Opera".
10.42 p.m.—London Philharmonic Orchestra.
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CARELESSNESS SOMEWHERE!

A wrongly marked card in the match between J. McKelvie (Kowloon) and J. C. Chalmers (Hong Kong) resulted in Hong Kong being announced the winners of the Aitkenhead Shield match, at K.E.G.C. on Saturday, by one shot.

What actually happened was that McKelvie beat Chalmers 21-18 and not vice versa, as first stated. This now gives Kowloon victory by five shots. As a result of Saturday's error, 48 Hong Kong

READY FOR "DEMOBBING"

A correspondent recently visited a department of the Army's organisation which is always looking forward to demobilisation. It is one of the 30 Record Offices which keep filed a detailed dossier of everything a soldier does, and everything that happens to him, from the day he joins the Army to the day he leaves it.

"Demobilisation," the colonel in charge said to him, "will show whether we have done our job well. It is the winding-up of our dealings with a soldier. His proper receipt of gratuity, pension and medals depends on the accuracy of the record we have kept."

The particular Record Office, one of the largest in the country, is the "Somerset House" of the Field Branch of the Royal Artillery. Its lists include more than 900 John Smiths, and 11 clerks are engaged solely in keeping their pay accounts.

Outwardly, there is nothing to distinguish this from a busy commercial office, except that the departmental heads are in uniform and many of the 2,000 clerks are A.T.S. girls.

"Simplify and humanise" are our watchwords," said the colonel, explaining something of the organisation. "We are developing into something like a Public Relations Department. It is to us that all inquiries come from soldiers' relatives: problems of pay and allowances, inquiries about missing,

players were presented with spoons which should have gone to Kowloon players.



A brutal Foreign Legion sergeant flies with a bayonet through his heart because he tried to wrest a valuable gem from one of the gallant brothers Geste. Gary Cooper and Ray Milland, as "Beau" and "John Geste" dispose of the sergeant (Brian Donlevy) in this scene from the new "Beau Geste," which Paramount will present shortly at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

sick or wounded men. Our job even includes forwarding a soldier's letters."

Dunkirk Inquiries

Dunkirk provided this Record Office, like most others, with one of the busiest periods in its history. Thousands of inquiries were received from anxious relatives.

"A large number of our men then posted missing have since been traced as prisoners of war," the colonel said. "We are still getting telegrams from the International Red Cross at Geneva giving fresh names from the German prison camps."

"Quite a number of 'missing' men were traced by a circular letter which I sent to next-of-kin. Coming back from Dunkirk, their first thought had been to get in touch with their families. Some of them forgot that their units wanted news of them, too."

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Sunday's "Needle" Match Proves Disappointing To Packed Gallery

Recreio Team In Terrific Form With The Bat

H.K. Baseballers Win Again

By "Grandstand"

A GREAT SOFTBALL DISAPPOINTMENT WAS HANDED OUT TO THE JAMMED GRANDSTAND OF SPECTATORS ON SUNDAY WHEN THE SAINTS WERE CRUSHED BY THE RECREIO ACES IN THE SENIOR LEAGUE OPENER ON SUNDAY.

It seemed that the Aces had their batting pants on; not one of them, or two, or three of them, but the whole team. It was a fever, a contagion, as hits rattled off the Recreio bats, all the way down the line from first-sacker Nick Beltrao to hind-snatcher Charlie Figueiredo.

The Aces scored in every inning but the fifth, and in the sixth, eight runs crossed the plate, and only a double-killing halted the mayhem. Limited to only six measly bingles, the Saints were massacred 15 to 1, and as one fan was heard to remark, "It's a good football score in any man's league!"

In the absence of ace-hurler, Johnnie Alvares, Mentor Riri Noronha worked Gerry Gosano on the slab for the whole route. Backed by almost errorless fielding, Gosano conceded six hits only, but issued one pass and struck out none. Frankie "Bashful" Gonsaves, hurling for the Saints, was nipped for 14 blows, while his team-mates gave him poor support. Even the great Henry "Showboat" Ali dropped a fly, but made up by clouting two safeties in his three times up. The Saints' lone marker came in, in the first, when Ali singled, and burgled second and third, and dented the counting station on "Bambino" Dave Leonard's Texas Leaguer.

In the second the Saints put two on bases with one out, but homehead base-running by Albert Leppard and Jindoo Hussain resulted in a double-killing which cut off the rally like a ripe banana. Two on a base is too, too much. For the rest of the game, the Saints never got into a scoring position again.

Batting honours go to Tony "Peewee" Alves for his three safeties in four times up, while the longest hit of the game was a triple, belted by Eddie "Doctor" Gosano, to deep right.

Filipinos Collapse

After holding the formidable Hong Kong Baseballers for four innings, the Filipinos went down to the waggomen by 9-4. "Doc" Molthen started on the hill, and worked for four innings, limiting the Islanders to only two blows. With the count knotted at 4-4, mentor Waggoner put twirler Edwards on the mound. This player turned on the heat and shut out the Filipino aggregation for the rest of the game.

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Molthen and Cotton averaged a neat 1,000 in their two trips to the plate.

Explosive Game

Outfitting the Canadian Chinese in the nightcap, the Chinese Baseballers trounced the Canucks in a 9-2 victory, in which there were explosive moments, which bordered on an exchange of fistcuffs. Moundsman Chinn for the Baseballers shuffled out three by the strike-out route, whilst G. G. Lee, seen in his first pitching assignment, accounted for two. No free passes were issued by either chucker. Herbie Quon, "Wizard of the Whiff" worked behind the plate, calling the pitches, and turning out to be a surprisingly good maskman.

In the second stanza, the Baseballers were caught napping, with one down, when Howard Lee and Noel Young, on first and second, scampered down the bases on Nip Lum's infield fly, which was snared by second-sacker Young Lee, who tagged the sack after the catch to complete a double killing unassisted.

The longest hit of the day, was Tuffy Chinn's homer in the fifth with none aboard. George White of the Baseballers and Luke Bunn of the Canucks, also belted a three-bagger a-piece.

Junior Title

In the Junior League, the Recreio Bees shellacked the 8th Battery R.A. with a 42-6 lacing, whilst the C.B.A. subdued the Royal Engineers 19-8.

HOCKEY FIXTURES AMENDED

The following amendment to Hockey Association Tournament fixtures is notified by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. T. Smith:—

Police "A"	v	Nomads
C.B.A.	v	Recreio
Police "B"	v	2nd M.T.B.'s
Kumhoos	v	University
Gunboats	v	Khalas
Destroyers	v	5th A.A. "A"
Royal Corps		
Signals	v	5th A.A. "B"

"Y" HOCKEY ELEVENS

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches at King's Park this week:

To-day, 2nd, XI. v R. Scots 2nd XI (5 p.m.):—Benwell, Heptonstall and Saxby; Croft, Gorman and Gilchrist; Spencelayh, Spradbery, Highlands, Ireson and Banks.

To-morrow, "A" XI v Recreio (5 p.m.):—Killeen, Jordan and Tomlinson; Croft, Coombe and Saxby; Spencelayh, Gemmell, Gilchrist, Morgan and Highlands.

SATURDAY

1st XI v Nomads (4.15 p.m.):—Benwell, Taylor and Saxby; Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Smith, Gemmell, Urc, Morgan and Dunne. 2nd XI v R.E. 2nd (3 p.m.):—Killeen, Heptonstall and Tomlinson; Croft, Gorman and Gilchrist; Highlands, McGahan, Dormer, Ireson and Banks.

ALICE MARBLE TURNS PRO.

It was announced in New York yesterday that Miss Alice Marble, holder of the Wimbledon and American lawn tennis singles championships, had turned professional. She will begin an exhibition tour with Donald Budge and Bill Tilden at Madison Square Garden in New York on January 6, 1941.—Reuter.

CARDINALS GO DOWN FIGHTING

By "Grandstand"

Giving their supporters five innings of hope, and holding their opponents scared during all that time, Cardinals went down to the Canuckettes in a 12-8 defeat, in which the Canuckettes staged a sixth-inning rally which netted them six runs to clinch the tie.

Efegina Babida, toiling the rubber for the Redbirds, although nipped for 12 blows, might have pitched her team to victory once more had she been backed by better fielding from her team-mates, who committed no less than eight bobbles, of which second sacker Linda Fernandes, booted three, to cost as many runs.

Babida fanned four, but issued no passes, whilst Mary Louie, hurling for the Canuckettes issued one Annie Oakley and whiffed six Redbirds.

In the seventh, Canuckettes Mary Louie showed signs of cracking up under the strain, when the Cardinals loaded the bags with one out. Bee Johnson coming up to bat, looked at three fast ones and went back to the bench, whilst Naty popped to short-stop Jean Lee for the last out.

Slabstress Babida made the longest hit of the fracas with a three-bagger but was nailed at the plate when she attempted to stretch it into a homer. "Where was the third base coach, Dave?" "Grandma" Gladys Hutchinson dished out a fielding gem, when she speared Vivienne Louie's screaming line-drive over second.

Panthers Too Good

The much improved Chung Hwa squad, although drawing first blood from the Baby Panthers, were no match for the Panther Kittens, who triumphed over them 17-3. The extent of the improvement of the Chung Hwa Femmes can be gauged by the fact that only five errors were chalked up against them, veteran May Chung being guilty of one, and pitcher Ella Chinn and first-sacker Irene Lee sharing the others.

The Panthers' stickwork contributed much to their large margin of victory and Ella Chinn was nipped for 15 blows, of which the longest was by Theresa Botelho, who clouted a triple. Chinn struck out five and walked as many. Lella Xavier, tossing for the Pantherettes, walked only two and whiffed seven. Nellie Lee, who hauled down four difficult flies out in the left garden without a fumble, displayed some brilliant fielding and Fungie Law, keeper of the mid-way station, who struck out in her three times up, now holds the coveted title of "Queen of Swing!"

Marathon Affair

The Wildcats-Little Flowers game was another marathon affair, 45 runs being scored by the Untamed Felines against the Florinhas' 8. The five-inning bedlam lasted almost an hour and a half, and kept the score-keepers going haywire, trying to keep track.

GOOD SOFTBALL IN MONDAY'S GAME

By "Grandstand"

ON MONDAY, for the second day in succession, the stand was packed as enthusiasts flocked out to see some snappy softball dished out in the U. S. S. Tulsa-Hong Kong Baseballers friendly tilt, in which, for the first time in local softball, a nine-inning game was played by agreement.

Timely hitting by Joe Morris, who batted in two runs netting the Baseballers four tallies in the second stanza, stowed the game away on ice for them.

Chucker Edwards again went the route for the Baseballers and struck out three, but he issued three transportation to first to four Tulsamen, whilst Norton, starting for the Mighty T, fanned one and passed one, whilst relief hurler Hansen passed one.

The Tulsamen opened the score on a single by Maxwell, who then pilfered second, reached third on a wild heave, and romped home on a wild pitch.

Fly Swatter

In the second frame the Baseballers replied with four tallies to take the lead. From that time on, the game tightened like the top on a molasses jug, although on one or two occasions the Tulsamen came within scoring position, but their hitters didn't come through in the clutches.

In the fourth, Petersen got on base with a double and was sacrificed to third by Germento's long fly, but Osajac, coming up to the platter brandishing his pet mace, went down swinging on a pitch a mile high and two miles wide.

Latham fled to centre to end the chapter. A single and a pass, coupled with an error, netted the Tulsamen two more tallies in the seventh.

In their last time up they still had a chance to pull the game out of the fire, when they had two on with one away. Guinn fled out to left with no gain on the bases, whilst Stockton was flagged at first by short-stop Leigh's rifle peg.

Hindsnatcher Joe Morris' bullet pegs which snuffed all base-burgling attempts, had the fans on their feet, whilst ballhawk Sperry, in the left garden, also drew rounds of applause by hauling down no less than six flies without a fumble. In one case he had to run almost right smack up against the Kowloon Football clubhouse before he could clamp his hands on the horsehide.

KOWLOON CHESS

Kowloon Chess Club championship matches played yesterday resulted as follows:—Senior—B. D. Evans beat A. Y. Biriukoff; L. Karovitch beat P. Yvanovich; Junior—A. C. Mitchell beat Ph. Laufer; D. Drake beat J. Walther.

ST. GEORGES VERSUS ST. ANDREW'S

The Annual Golf Match between St. George's Society and St. Andrew's Society will be played at Fanling on Sunday.

The following are the starting times:

OLD COURSE

9.20 a.m.	O. E. C. Marton, F. D. Hunter.
9.24 ..	T. A. Pearce, K. S. Robertson.
9.28 ..	A. C. I. Bowker, R. Young.
9.32 ..	R. G. Parker, W. Sharp.
9.36 ..	C. D. N. Walker, T. Low.
9.40 ..	H. H. Mundy, D. Forbes.
9.44 ..	T. E. Pearce, K. S. Morrison.
9.48 ..	B. D. Evans, C. M. Stark.
9.52 ..	S. T. Butlin, W. A. Stewart.
9.56 ..	A. H. Penn, J. C. Taylor.
10.00 ..	A. Sommerfelt, A. K. Mackenzie.
10.04 ..	R. M. Wood, R. J. K. Walker.
10.08 ..	P. S. Cassidy, R. D. Gillespie.
10.12 ..	G. W. Reeve, A. S. MacKichan.
10.16 ..	J. H. Harrop, W. L. Alexander.
10.20 ..	F. A. M. Elliott, D. Black.

NEW COURSE

9.20 a.m.	F. Groves, D. S. Edward.
9.24 ..	L. Goldman, D. S. Robb.
9.28 ..	H. F. Phillips, W. W. C. Shevan.
9.32 ..	S. L. Lloyd, Brig. MacLeod.
9.36 ..	A. D. Humphreys, E. W. Kirk.
9.40 ..	E. Bathurst, A. T. Lay.
9.44 ..	H. B. L. Dowbiggin, J. A. D. Morrison.
9.48 ..	H. N. Williamson, A. H. McBride.
9.52 ..	G. W. Sewell, M. Pollock.
9.56 ..	S. A. Sleep, H. C. Watson.
10.00 ..	H. V. Wilkinson, G. D. R. Black.
10.04 ..	P. C. Jackson, C. F. J. Simpson.
10.08 ..	J. D. Danby, R. K. M. Simpson.
10.12 ..	J. B. Harrison, W. Park.
10.16 ..	H. C. Williams, V. R. Gordon.
10.20 ..	L. C. F. Bellamy, J. Fleming.

First-named players are members of St. George's Society.

New Putter Helps Chapman

GRAPHIC GOLF



DICK CHAPMAN, NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPION. LAST MINUTE SWITCH TO BIG WOODEN PUTTER WORKED WONDERS WITH HIM.

By BEST BALL. Shortly before the qualifying rounds of the National Amateur Championship, Dick Chapman bought a wooden headed putter in the hope that it might help his game. His putting was way off, no doubt due in some measure to wrecking of an old faithful aluminum headed putter some time before. Since that time, Chapman had tried dozens of other putters with little luck.

Then by merest chance he hit on the wooden headed one which felt, weighed and subsequently putted like his old one. Using it, his touch was magic, the ball dropped in from all angles. The cheapest club in his bag it became the most valuable of all. Chapman's average was 31 putts per round and it was largely on the strength of his putting that he won the National Amateur championship.

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"IT HAS COME to my notice that some people consider that this Association is working against the H.K.F.A.—This is entirely without foundation and I would like to make it very clear to those concerned, that we wish to work with the H.K.F.A., not only in the interests of refereeing but in the interests of the game, and we are always prepared to assist the H.K.F.A. when and where we can."

These remarks were made by Mr. H. A. Beard, President of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, at the annual general meeting held last night.

There was an unusually large attendance of members representing the Navy, Army and civilian sections.

Mr. W. E. Hollands, for more than 10 years an active member of the Association, was elected a Life Member.

Following the Chairman's address, Mr. Minihan stressed the necessity for a referee controlling a game having perfect cooperation with the linesmen. Qualified members of the Association who were present and were not in charge of the game, should refrain from criticising the referee on the field.

It was decided that the Association's annual dinner be held on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:—

President:—Hugh A. Beard.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer J. F. da Silva.

Committee:—W. H. Glover (representing Navy), M. Minihan (representing Army) and D. Kosick (representing civilians).

SWYER AND WYRE IN FORM

A useful innings by Major Swyer and some splendid bowling by Sgt. Wyre gave Royal Army Medical Corps an easy win over Royal Air Force in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Largely due to Swyer's innings, R.A.M.C., who batted first, totalling 85, Smith, for the Airmen, taking 4 for 19 and Henley 3 for 25. Air Force, however, made no sort of a showing against Wyre, who finished with a spell of

O. M. R. W.
4 0 4 4
to return an analysis of 7 for 22 in 9.6 overs.

Although he was not nearly as spectacular, Coombes bowled steadily and only conceded 12 runs in nine overs for three wickets.

R.A.M.C.				
Webb, b Goodwin	14			
Swyer, b Henley	40			
Coombes, b Hawkins	14			
Shorthouse, b Hawkins	4			
Harrison, c Paling, b Henley	2			
Lawrence, c Stockham, b Smith	2			
Musson, b Henley	0			
Wyre, c Stockham, b Smith	2			
Bright, c Hunt, b Smith	0			
Don, not out	0			
Boyce, st. Cook, b Smith	0			
Extras (W.L.Bs)	7			

Total				
Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	7	2	19	4
Goodwin	6	1	16	1
Henley	6	0	25	3
Hawkins	5	0	18	2

R.A.F.				
Abbas, c Swyer, b Wyre	8			
Goodwin, c Shorthouse, b Coombes	13			
Cook, st. Shorthouse, b Coombes	0			
Hunt, c Webb, b Wyre	0			
Manfield, c Swyer, b Wyre	0			
Henley, b Wyre	6			
Stockham, not out	4			
Paling, ht. wkt., b Wyre	2			
Smith, c Coombes, b Wyre	0			
Stinson, b Coombes	1			
Hawkins, c Boyce, b Wyre	0			
Extras (B2)	2			

Total				
Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wyre	9.6	2	22	7
Coombes	9	2	12	3

R.E. SOCCER TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

The following will represent the Royal Engineers against the R.A.S.C. in their postponed League football match at Sookunpoo to-morrow at 2.45 p.m.:

Moxham; Palmer, Tang Chung-nak; Birrell; Shaw (Capt.), T. Taylor; Li Wai-lam, Chan Kum-poy, Fox, Pelham and Chung



Above is the Kit Chee Second Division League soccer team which lost to South China on Sunday by the odd goal in three. The uniformed team is here shown in the positions in which they take the field, with the goal-keeper, in sweater, standing between the two backs. Reading from the back row left to right are the players—Fok Yiu-wah, Tang Yat-ming, Lai Dat-choi; middle row—Yau Wah-hing, Chan Ka-lai, Chan Bing-to; front row—Cheung Chung-kan, Wong Mei-shun, Wan Cheuk-sun and Chong Kam-chuen.

BUDGE'S CHALLENGE TO AMATEURS UNIVERSITY TENNIS

DONALD BUDGE, former Wimbledon and American champion, and now vice-president of the professional lawn tennis players of America, thinks open tournaments are sure to come some day but they are about three years away.

"Public demand has been kicking the United States Lawn Tennis Association around because they didn't jump at the first suggestion of an open," says Budge, quoted by the New York newspaper, "P.M.," "but in truth the Amateur Association is acting wisely."

Budge, who was champion amateur lawn tennis player of the world before he turned professional in 1938, intimated that the professional organisation, to which about 1,000 players are affiliated in America, should put their own

house in order before challenging the amateurs. "What we need is a string of tournaments somewhat like the golf professionals have," he said. "If we could have about two months of straight tournament play across country, ending with the open at—say Forest Hills—then we would be all set."

Play Them Anywhere

Budget naturally thinks the professional would easily beat the amateurs, and he regards the suggestion that the professionals might lose on grass as ridiculous.

In an inter-hostel University tennis match yesterday, Ricci beat Morrison by five sets to four.

On Hlan: Pitt and C. S. Lake (Ricci Hall).

beat O. Thomas and Li Ming 6-2

beat Tao Siu-lam and Liu

Hong-sing 6-4

lost to Yip Yee and K. Lo 2-6

G. Choa and Ku Mao-hsiang (Ricci Hall).

beat Thomas and Li 6-2

beat Tao and Liu 6-2

beat Yip and Lo 6-1

Teol Som-tin and P. T. Yu (Ricci Hall).

lost to Thomas and Li 2-6

lost to Tao and Liu 2-6

lost to Yip and Lo 1-6

"We play on anything," he said, "and for all I care they can stage the tournament on grass, glass or bottle tops. We'd take them."

WEEK-END SOCCER FIXTURES

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION	
Club	v R. Scots
(Club, 4.15 p.m.)	
Middlesex	v Sing Tao
(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)	
Kowloon	v Police
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)	
SECOND DIVISION	
Club	v Sing Tao
(Club, 2.45 p.m.)	
Middlesex	v 30th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)	
Kowloon	v Police
(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)	
THIRD DIVISION	
2th R.A.	v 36th R.A.
(Stanley, 2.45 p.m.)	
International	v 20th R.A.
(Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)	
Air Force	v Shell
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)	
5th R.A.	v Engineers
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)	
th R.A.	v 24th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)	

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION	
Eastern	v Kwong Wah
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)	
SECOND DIVISION	
South China	v Kwong Wah
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)	
Engineers	v Ordnance
(Military, 2.45 p.m.)	
Service Corps	v Kit Chee
(Military, 4.15 p.m.)	
THIRD DIVISION	
Signals	v Medicals
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)	
Service Corps	v A.S.A.
(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)	

C.S.C.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following will represent Civil Service Cricket Club in friendly matches against Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday at 2 p.m.:

1st. XI. (away).—J. E. Richardson, W. H. Collidge, A. E. Perry, F. Baker, R. H. Griffiths, D. J. Hollidge, N. Whitley, N. L. Smith, B. C. K. Hawkins, J. Barrow and A. Watson.
2nd. XI. (home).—H. E. Strange, H. F. Harper, J. F. McGowan, G. Ainslie, F. E. Lawrence, J. Mitchell, G. Davidson, A. M. J. Wright, H. P. Cunningham, H. Parrott and R. Lawrence.

GOLF SPOON WINNERS

L. R. Andrewes won the spoon for the best round over the Old Course during the Jasper Clark Cup competition at Fanling on Sunday, while K. S. Robertson won the spoon for the best round over the New Course, his second nine holes being better than those of Dr. Tomlinson.
L. Col. R. A. P. MacPherson (15) who was three up, won the Bogey (Par) Pool over the New Course during the past week-end. There were 25 entries.
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FLEEING ITALIAN RABBLE

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Extensive War Booty Captured

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Greek Army at Athens)

A BRITISH BOMBER FORMATION AGAIN BOMBED ALBANIAN TARGETS YESTERDAY BUT THE RESULTS HITHERTO ARE UNKNOWN.

Great quantities of war material which the Italians abandoned in the ravines of the central Pindus sector, continue to be collected. The Greeks already have employed against the enemy the captured light artillery and machine-guns.

Although reports that General Soddus has ordered a general withdrawal of his troops to their former positions in Albania are untrue, it appears that the Italians have rectified their line on the right wing of the Epirus sector, where the flanks of their advanced column are exposed owing to the debacle in the Pindus sector.

India would not be entitled to expect any assistance from the Punjab.

Recruiting was proceeding spontaneously without the slightest official pressure.

At very conservative estimates, 1,000,000 Punjabis were ready to sacrifice their lives in defence of the Motherland.—Reuter.

Escape Pleases

Military circles in Athens regard the escape of those four to five thousand Italians from the Pindus pocket as one of the major successes of the whole affair from a Greek viewpoint.

They will have returned weaponless, ragged and semi-starved with tales of avalanches of rocks which were dynamited over them from heights above ravines.

Their panic will shake the morale of Italian reinforcements badly enough but when the waters of the Aous River run down from the Pindus mountains through the Albanian valleys the bodies of some hundreds of their comrades whom they believed to be making a triumphal march through Greece, it will hardly urge them to attack the Greek defences which are now more impregnable than ever.—Reuter.

N.E.I. OIL AGREEMENT

An agreement has been initialled concerning the supply of Dutch East Indies oil to Japan by representatives of the Netherlands oil companies and Japanese oil importers.

This agreement will be communicated to the Japanese and Netherlands delegations at Batavia.—Reuter.

GANDHI ANNOYS PUNJAB

"A STORM OF INDIGNATION" HAS BEEN AROUSED IN PUNJAB BY A RECENT REMARK BY MAHATMA GANDHI IN HIS NEWSPAPER "HARIJAN" THAT THE PUNJAB WAS A RECRUITING GROUND FOR MERCENARY SOLDIERS, DECLARED MAJOR SIRDAR SIKANDER KYAT KAHN, THE PUNJAB PREMIER, IN A SPEECH IN LAHORE YESTERDAY.

Demanding the withdrawal of this "sweeping insult," Major Kyat Kahn declared that unless it was withdrawn other parts of

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LIE GIVEN TO GERMAN CLAIMS

A fierce reception was given to attacking German planes by a British convoy in the North Sea on Monday afternoon, according to an official statement.

The battle resulted in the shooting down by guns of at least three enemy aircraft and probably five, while all ships in the convoy were successfully preserved.

The Admiralty communique, in reporting these facts, gives the lie to official German claims.

Last night, a special announcement was broadcast by Germany stating that five of our ships totalling 37,000 tons were sunk during this attack on our convoy. This claim was later improved on by the German High Command communique which built it up to seven merchant ships of about 44,000 tons.

In point of fact, no ships were sunk. Two ships sustained some damage but both are now safe.

The Admiralty points out that the attacking planes, shot down by the escorting warship, are in addition to about eight planes shot down by the R.A.F., as was announced by the Air Ministry on Monday night.—Reuter.

H.M.S. Vivien and H.M.S. Londonderry each shot down one Junkers and the Vivien's fire so severely damaged another, it is not likely to have regained its base. H.M. tug, St. Mellons, shot down one Messerschmidt and damaged another enemy aircraft. British Wireless.

SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"

The district north of the Soochow Creek in Shanghai was thrown into a turmoil again yesterday morning when a man, believed to be a high ranking Japanese Army official, was shot.

The would-be assassin, whose identity is reported to be known to the Japanese authorities, escaped immediately after firing several shots at the officer.

All bridges leading into the Japanese-occupied sector were closed and all traffic was interrupted for over half an hour. Strict searches were conducted by Japanese gendarmes and Japanese Naval Landing Party patrols.

Details of the attack are lacking, while the Japanese decline to reveal the identity of the victim.

This is the ninth "shoot-up" to occur in the last month and a half in the Shanghai area under Japanese control.

The victim is lying in a grave condition in the Japanese military hospital where he was taken after the shooting.—Havas.

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IT IS TIME FOR JAPAN AND RUSSIA TO "CO-ORDINATE THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS TO THE GREATER CAUSE OF THE NEW ORDER IN THE WORLD," SAYS THE "MIYAKO SHIMBUN" TO-DAY, COMMENTING ON THE VISIT TO BERLIN OF M. MOLOTOV.

The paper expects that his visit will result in Soviet-German relations being "cemented" on solid ground, and thus exert a beneficial psychological effect on "speedy materialisation of rapprochement between Moscow and Tokyo."—Reuter.

SWEDISH STEAMER TORPEDOED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Survivors of the 1,583-ton Swedish freighter *Neggie*, which was torpedoed by an Italian submarine in the Atlantic on October 27, have arrived in Lisbon.

Other survivors have landed in the Azores. —Havas.

Epic Fight By H.M.S. Jervis Bay Against Hopeless Odds

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

DRAMATIC STORIES OF THE EPIC ACTION IN THE ATLANTIC IN WHICH THE ARMED MERCHANT CRUISER, H.M.S. JERVIS BAY, WENT BOLDLY INTO ACTION AGAINST A GERMAN POCKET-BATTLESHIP IN ORDER TO SAVE THE CONVOY SHE WAS GUARDING, ARE RELATED BY THE CAPTAINS OF FREIGHTERS NOW SAFE IN PORT.

Their stories suggest that the raider marauding in the North Atlantic, roaming across the sea lanes in search of British convoys, is the "Admiral Scheer" repaired after the damage inflicted on her in the Norwegian campaign.

The full story of the epic battle between H.M.S. Jervis Bay and the "Admiral Scheer" will only be available when survivors of the "Jervis Bay" are permitted to tell their stories.

Officers of the ships in the convoy attacked, however, tell how while scattering in all directions, under instructions, they saw the "Jervis Bay" sailing in to engage the pocket-battleship with all guns blazing. She fought for more than two hours though hopelessly out-gunned by the German warship. —International News Service.

Goes Down In Flames

Sailing out alone to attack a big German warship in the Atlantic, the armed British merchant cruiser Jervis Bay, 14,000 tons, went down in flames, with her guns still roaring. But she saved most of the convoy, which scattered in the dusk.

This convoy, which the German High Command claimed to have destroyed, has now arrived in a Scottish port.

This glorious epic of the sea is related in an Admiralty communiqué stating that all except nine ships in a convoy consisting of 38 ships attacked by an enemy surface raider on the night of November 5 are safe. It is possible some of the ships still missing may be safe.

That nearly three-quarters of this large convoy escaped destruction at the hands of a powerful raider was due to the high degree of efficiency shown by the captains of merchant vessels in scattering and making use of smoke, and to the very gallant action of the Jervis Bay (acting Captain E. S. F. Fagan), which was escorting the convoy.

Steered For Enemy

Full details of this action are not yet available, but it is known that the Jervis Bay steered for the enemy, and engaged her with greatly inferior armament, thus enabling the majority of the ships in the convoy to make good their

ALGIERS ACTIVITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Considerable official activity was to be seen in Algiers when Admiral Platon, Vichy State Secretary for Colonies, who was accompanied by a large staff, arrived by plane from Vichy.

Admiral Esteva, Resident-General of Tunisia, arrived with him and all joined General Weygand later.

Similar activity was displayed in French Morocco when General Berget, State Secretary for Air, reviewed the air forces stationed at Marrakesh, Agadir and Casablanca. —Havas.

ITALIANS RUSH UP TROOPS TO KORITZA SECTOR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GREAT MASSES OF Italian troops were rushed last night to the Koritza sector for a counter-offensive intended to stem the rapid Greek advance which, according to Greek circles, is speeding forward on all fronts.

The Athens correspondent of the London "Daily Express" reports that a tremendous battle is raging around Koritza. The Italian High Command threw crack reserves and dive-bombers into the field in a desperate effort to crack the Greek positions.

NAZIS COUNTING CHICKENS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

High Nazi circles in Berlin claimed last night that Germany and Italy have received a clear "go ahead" signal for an expanded war against Britain by the visit to Berlin of M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar.

M. Molotov met Hitler for the first time yesterday evening and talked with him for two and a half hours.

Nazi authorities predict that while the visit itself is of the highest importance as a de-

All day long, says an Athens report, heavy artillery pounded the Greek positions in preparation for a gigantic Fascist push, which is expected to begin in a day or two.

Despite incessant hammering by artillery and repeated Italian air attacks, the initiative remains completely with the Greeks, with the aid of the Royal Air Force.

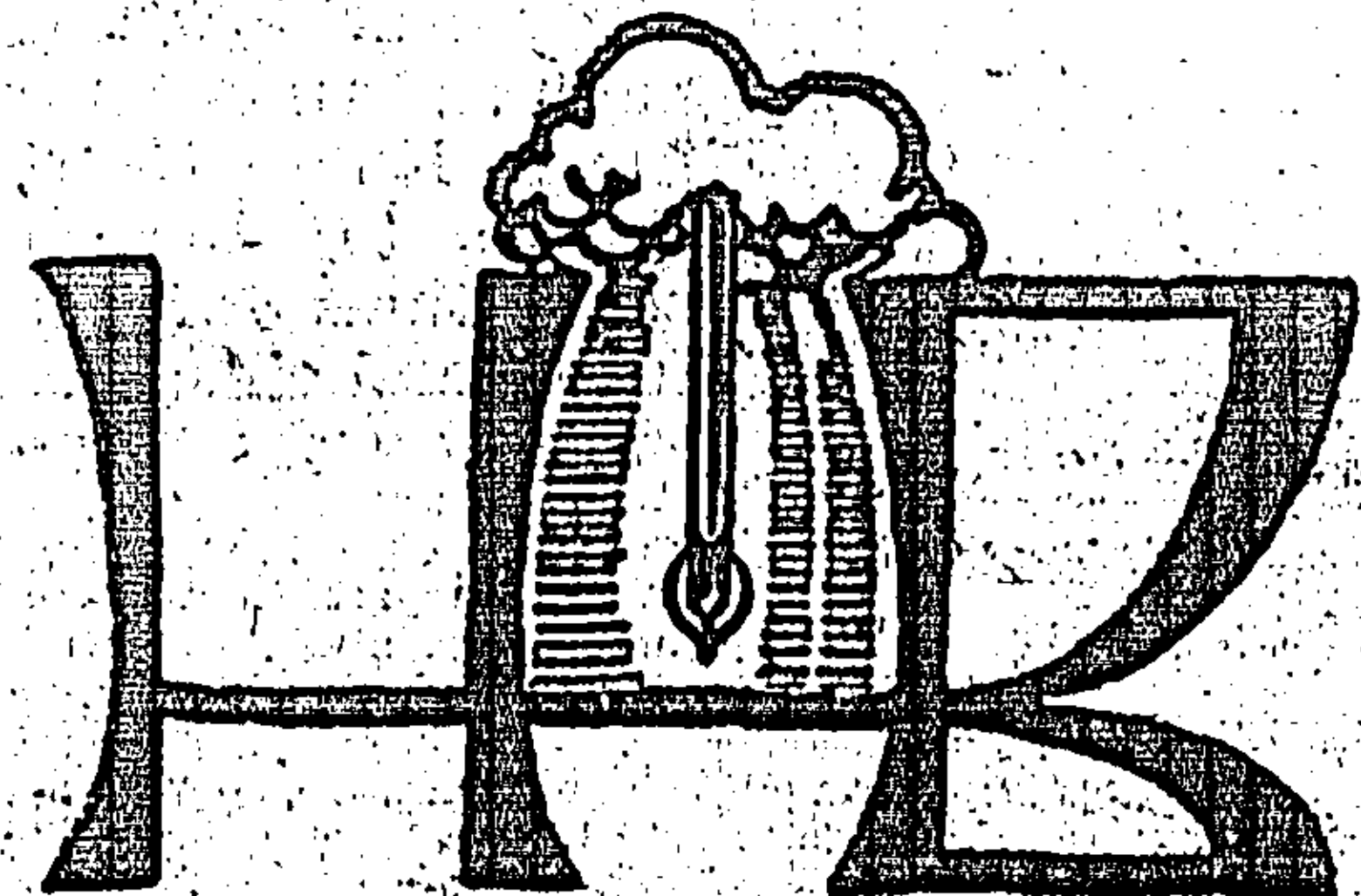
It is announced that British bombers again raided Italian bases on Tuesday.

Turning their own guns on the Italians, the Greeks used captured Fascist light artillery and machine-guns as they pursued the Italians through the wild ravines of the central Pindus mountains. —International News Service.

monstration of Moscow's solidarity with the Axis, an agreement of a more tangible nature will be forthcoming.

It is reiterated in Berlin that this demonstration is to show America and the non-Axis nations of Europe the futility of continued opposition to the "New World Order" dominated by the Rome/Berlin/Tokyo/Moscow "coalition." —International News Service.

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Ribbentrop Tells Molotov For What He's In Berlin

THE LOGIC OF AXIS-TOKYO ALLIANCE

"M. MOLOTOV'S VISIT to Berlin is the logical outcome of the evolution of the European situation and the signing of the tripartite pact," says an official statement handed to foreign journalists at the German Foreign Office yesterday, according to the French Wireless.

The statement continues: In view of the new situation created by developments of the war and the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance, it becomes necessary to define positively and clearly the position of the Soviet.

VICHY AT NAZI GAME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Several powerful French labour and employers' organisation which played a paramount role in France's economic life have been dissolved by a decree just published in the Vichy "Official Gazette."

Among them are also several trusts and cartels which practically controlled the production and marketing of coal and steel.

The decree specifically names:—The "Confederation Generale Travail"—the confederation of French trade unions, whose membership amounted to nearly 5,000,000 at the time of M. Blum's "Popular Front" Government; The "Confederation Patronat Francais"—which grouped practically all the large and middle-sized employers' associations.

(These two organisations played an important part in 1936 when the Blum Government fixed minimum salaries and instituted social legislation providing for compulsory annual holidays, a 36-hour week, and so on)

Coal And Steel Cartels

The "Comite Central Houilliers de France" and the "Comite des Forges de France"—which, besides controlling all French coal and steel production, had a powerful influence in Parliament; and

Two large Labour organisations, the "Confederation Francaise Travailleurs Chretiens" (or Grouped Christian Trade Unions) and the "Confederations Syndicats Professionnels Francais" (or Grouped Rightist Labour organisations), which were opposed to the Confederation General Travail. The latter was affiliated to International Labour, whose headquarters were in Amsterdam. — Havas.

BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR

The number of British troops held prisoner by the Germans and Italians totals about 44,000, Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for War, told the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. — Reuters.

SAIGON RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Japanese naval craft and military transports are reported to be standing by for a landing at Saigon, according to messages received in Kwang Chow Wan last night. — Our Own Correspondent.

"M. Molotov's visit has the following aims:

"Firstly, to fix a basis for political and economical collaboration of the Soviet and the Axis Powers and eventually with Japan;

"Secondly, to re-consider, from the point of view of more extensive collaboration, the bases of the German-Soviet Agreement."

The statement adds: "In the present circumstances, M. Molotov's visit is particularly significant because it proves that developments in Europe, notably the signing of the tripartite pact, has in no way affected the perfect realisation by both Moscow and Berlin of their respective and common interests.

Important Phase

"Their collaboration since the signing of the German-Soviet Agreement has only become closer and never suffered the slightest reverse, contrary to allegations in foreign propaganda."

The statement concludes, by emphasising that M. Molotov's talks in Berlin "are not an aim in themselves, but an important phase in the relations of perfect collaboration between the two countries."

The French broadcast added that it seemed probable that Berlin discussions may be followed by talks in Moscow after M. Molotov's return.

Political circles in Moscow state that after reporting to Stalin, M. Molotov will confer with the Japanese and German ambassadors and probably with the representatives of Italy and Turkey. — Reuters.

GREEK KING'S MESSAGE

"My heart is wrung with sadness," runs a message from King George of Greece to the civilian populations of bombed towns and villages.

After referring to the "cowardly attacks against open towns," the message says that "the whole civilised world is invited to see these ruins and the nature of the victims so that they may judge our adversary and his methods."

The Italian attacks are "evidently intended solely to terrorise the civilian population."

Those recorded in communications include a machine-gun and hand grenade attack on a village in Epirus; a machine-gun attack on Yanina and the bombing of Corfu, a small town in Thessaly and the British cemetery in the Klakia district.

A few casualties and slight damage were caused in these attacks, but the morale of the civilians remains perfectly sound. — Reuters.



These pictures show Lieut. R. Davies, in command of the Bomb Disposal Unit, who was responsible for the saving of St. Paul's Cathedral, with members of a Unit when they lifted a 1200 lb. time bomb in the grounds of a Hospital in London. (Copyright, Fox).

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" LEAVES NEW YORK

The giant Cunard liner "Queen Elizabeth," the largest merchant ship in the world, sailed from New York yesterday afternoon, it is officially disclosed.

The destination of the "Queen Elizabeth" is not revealed, but it is suggested that she is going to a Canadian port or to Boston to be fitted as a troopship, or even to Singapore. — Reuters.

JOBS FOR JUVENILES IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

According to the "Japan Times," Japanese youngsters due to graduate from primary schools next month are being flooded with offers of jobs in all branches of industry.

About 500,000 are expected to graduate in March, but there are about three times as many offers of jobs.

Most of the future graduates want jobs in Tokyo and other large cities, but the authorities would like to see them working in the industrial centres of the country.

Positions for sales-girls in department stores were eagerly sought in past years, but this year they are practically ignored, with only about 30 applications to every 100 offers. — Havas.

EXPLOSIONS IN AMERICAN ARMS FACTORIES

OVER TWENTY PEOPLE WERE KILLED, IT IS FEARED, IN THREE SEPARATE EXPLOSIONS YESTERDAY IN IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL CENTRES IN NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA.

The explosions, says Reuter's correspondent, from Woodbridge, N.J., occurred in widely separated areas, one after the other.

JAPANESE TRADE DRIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Responding to the cry "Southward Ho!" which is being uttered through Japan, municipalities and chambers of commerce and industry in Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya have set up a "Japan South Seas Trade Promotion Association," according to the "Nikkan Kogyo."

The Association's first step will be to send three groups of merchants to the Philippines, French Indo-China and Thailand, where they will hold exhibitions of Japanese goods in the major cities.

Unlike the various associations and leagues formed in the past for the promotion of trade with countries in the Far East, the new association will have the power to execute any project deemed fit for furthering trade.

The main office has been established in the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry building. It will dispatch economic inspection corps to

Considerable material damage was done.

Simultaneously another explosion occurred at the American Cyanide Company's powder factory at Edinburg, Pennsylvania, the shock of which was felt two miles away.

This is the second explosion in this company's factories within three days.

The third detonation yesterday shook the Trojan Powder Company's factory on the outskirts of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Several persons were injured, some of them fatally.

Three In Hour

It is now learned that the three explosions occurred within the space of an hour, the first at 1.10 p.m. at Edinburg, the second at 1.20 p.m. at Woodbridge, and the third at 2 p.m. at Allentown.

The Trojan Powder Company holds over £50,000 of defence contracts.

Officials of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (the G-men) from Washington have started an enquiry into each explosion. — Reuters.

the South Seas to investigate markets for Japanese goods.

Merchants of these countries will be invited to visit Japan.

Keeping pace with this association, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry will send its own inspection party to the South Seas in the near future. This party will visit Borneo, Java, Sumatra, British Malaya and Thailand, and will remain abroad for about six months. — Havas.

HAMBURG HAVOC

Germany's Second Largest City Faces Bankruptcy

The R.A.F. Bomb-Blight On Port

HAMBURG, THE second largest city in Germany, faces bankruptcy. Every report reaching London emphasises the growing effects of the Royal Air Force's "bomb-blight" on this once great seaport, states the Air Ministry News Service.

A tremendous effort is being made to conceal the damage, even from the people of the city itself, yet news of the havoc in Hamburg is spread all over Germany.

NEW BOMB SIGHT IN BRITAIN?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The delivery to Britain of two of the secret Sperry bomb-sights—the first of hundreds to be purchased by the R.A.F. for precision bombing of German military targets—was disclosed by official Washington quarters last night to International News.

A responsible source said that a formal statement announcing the U.S. Army's approval of the export of the sight is awaiting President Roosevelt's approval.

Crated in boxes bearing the manufacturer's label, the sights were flown from an air port near Brooklyn to Halifax several weeks ago.

There, they were loaded on one of the 60 over-age destroyers the United States gave to the British in return for the air and naval bases, and started out across the Atlantic.

In view of the time which has elapsed without word of any mishap to the destroyer, Washington officials presume that the sights arrived safely in Britain and are now undergoing tests.—International News Service

GIANT BOMBERS FOR R.A.F.

After a long period of waiting, Britain is to have some of America's Flying Fortresses, Reuter's Washington correspondent cables this morning.

Flying Fortresses are giant, heavily-armed bombers, capable of bombing a target 2,000 miles from their base.

It is understood that Britain will have the latest models instead of the earlier ones.

The sale of these bombers to Britain has been made possible by the President's decision to allow Britain to have half the war production of the United States.

The latest models of the Flying Fortress have better rear gunner protection, with increased speed and longer range.—Reuter.

Damage to factories becomes daily more serious. More and more industries are being transferred to eastern cities or occupied Poland.

Burnt-out shells of warehouses and smashed wharves tell the tale of Hamburg's ruin.

New reports state that the Blohm and Voss shipyard on the Isle of Waltershof, has been badly damaged. New ships under construction have been smashed.

At one period, five submarines out of 26 then building, were damaged beyond repair.

Sections of the Blohm-Voss Workshops have been turned over to aircraft production. These have been heavily bombed and aircraft nearly completely burnt out.

Complete Muddle

Damage to power stations has cut the output of factories which so far have escaped bombs or fire.

Each week swells the ranks of the workless and adds to the deporation and discontent. All reports agree that the damage is confined to the docks and industrial districts and that the city itself has been hardly affected. This is a striking tribute to the accuracy of R.A.F. bombing.

The Vulcan yards have been hit repeatedly. On Finkenwarder the big yards of the Deutsche Werke have been heavily damaged. Wrecked railway lines and empty godyards add to the muddle.

Railway Havoc

Damage to railways is so extensive that goods traffic must always be given preference.

Travellers from Berlin to Hamburg report that the journey now takes 24 hours instead of the usual four and involves at least five changes in either direction.

So many Hamburg ships have been sunk or damaged in harbour or mined off the mouth of the Elbe and in Baltic waters that shortage of tonnage is becoming an acute problem.

To try to offset these losses, Swedish ships are being used to the full extent in Baltic trade.—Reuter.

BRITISH SHIPPING STRENGTH

About 1,250,000 tons of foreign shipping had been added to the merchant fleet of the United Kingdom by October 31 by capture, requisition, and purchase, stated Mr. Roland Cross, Minister of Shipping, in a written reply to a question in the House of Commons.

He added that about 4,000,000 tons of Allied and neutral shipping was on time charter to Britain.—Reuter.

Mr. Cross added: "It should not be inferred that all the tonnage now at our disposal represents an addition of importing capacity as much of the foreign tonnage was at our ports prior to the outbreak of war.—British Wireless.



Photo shows Lieut. R. Davies (seated) removing the fuse from the huge time bomb after it had been lifted. (Copyright, Fox).

Germans Using 2-Ton Bombs?

A new "super bomb" is being used against Britain, says a special cable to the New York "Daily News" from Berlin.

It weighs almost two tons, and because of its high cost it is dropped only by Stuka dive-bombers to make sure of its aim.

CANADA MAY ASK EIRE FOR BASES

"The Government of Canada should make a personal appeal to Mr. De Valera to lease to Canada for the duration of the war two ports on the West Coast of Eire for use as Empire naval stations," declared Mr. Hanson, the Conservative Leader, in the Canadian House of Commons yesterday.

He spoke about the refusal of the Eire Government to allow the United Kingdom to use their naval bases and air ports, and described it as one of the greatest hindrances to Britain's war progress and in his "humble view it is a valuable contribution to Axis power."

Mr. Hanson continued:—

"Something should and must be done to meet this situation, because it is apparent that the Government of Eire will not recede from its position of non-cooperation as a result only of a request from the British Government."

"This very fact opened up the opportunity to the Canadian Government to make a wonderful contribution towards the Allied cause."

"In addition to the leasing to Canada of two ports on the West Coast, I suggest that Canada approach Eire with proposals to lease to Canada certain strategic airports in the south and west of Eire, for use as Empire air stations."

Mr. Hanson further suggested that Canada should enlist the help of the United States in such an effort, as a very substantial element in the United States "had contributed in no small degree to the goal of Irish freedom."—Reuter.

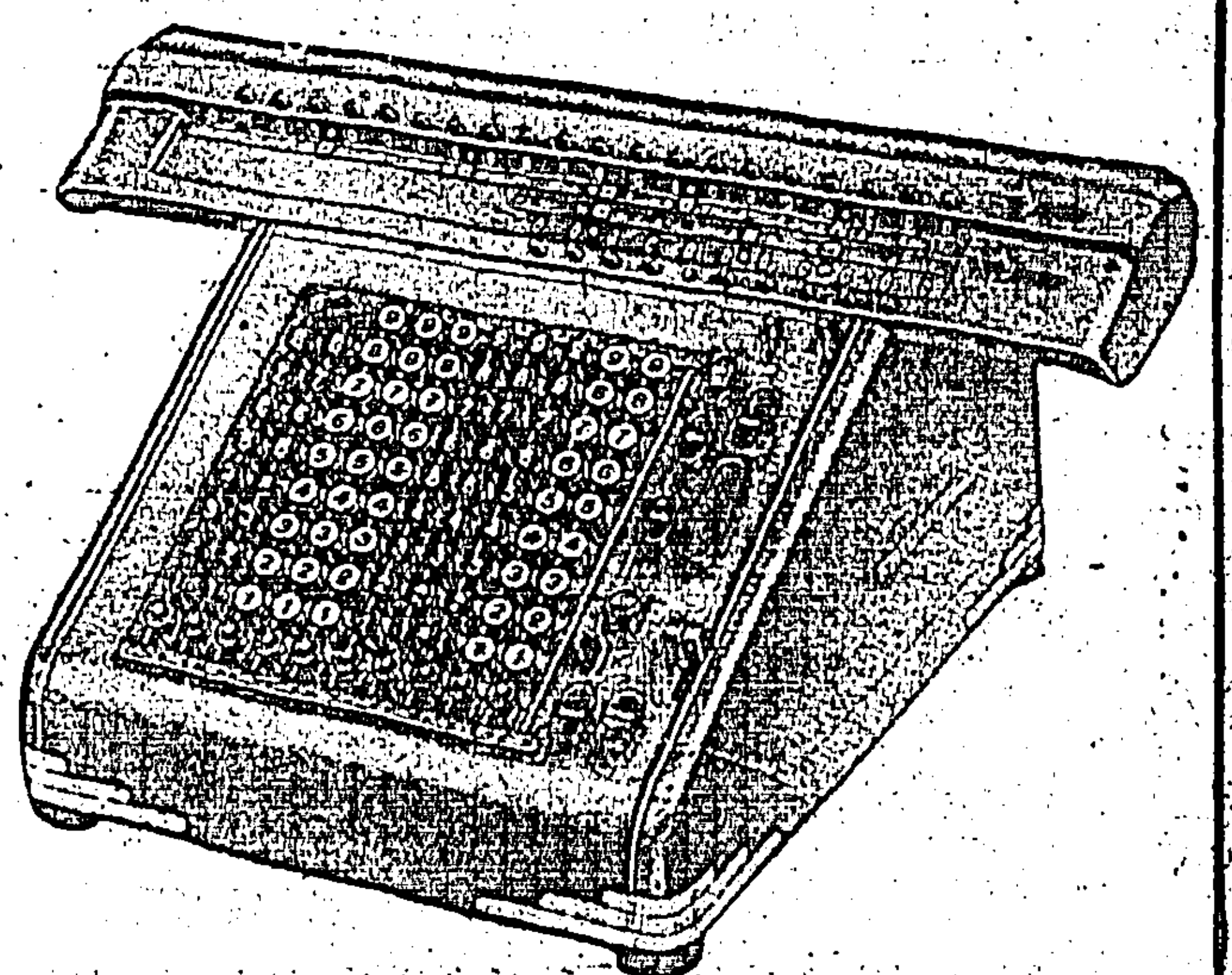
JAPANESE ENVOY

Mr. Jingo Futami, newly-appointed Japanese Minister to Thailand, will leave Tokyo to-day for Kobe, where he will embark in the Heiyo Maru, sailing for Bangkok on November 20.—Reuter.

The Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls and the Blind Home, Pokfulam are holding a United Sale of Work at Phillips House, Mody Road, Kowloon, to-day.

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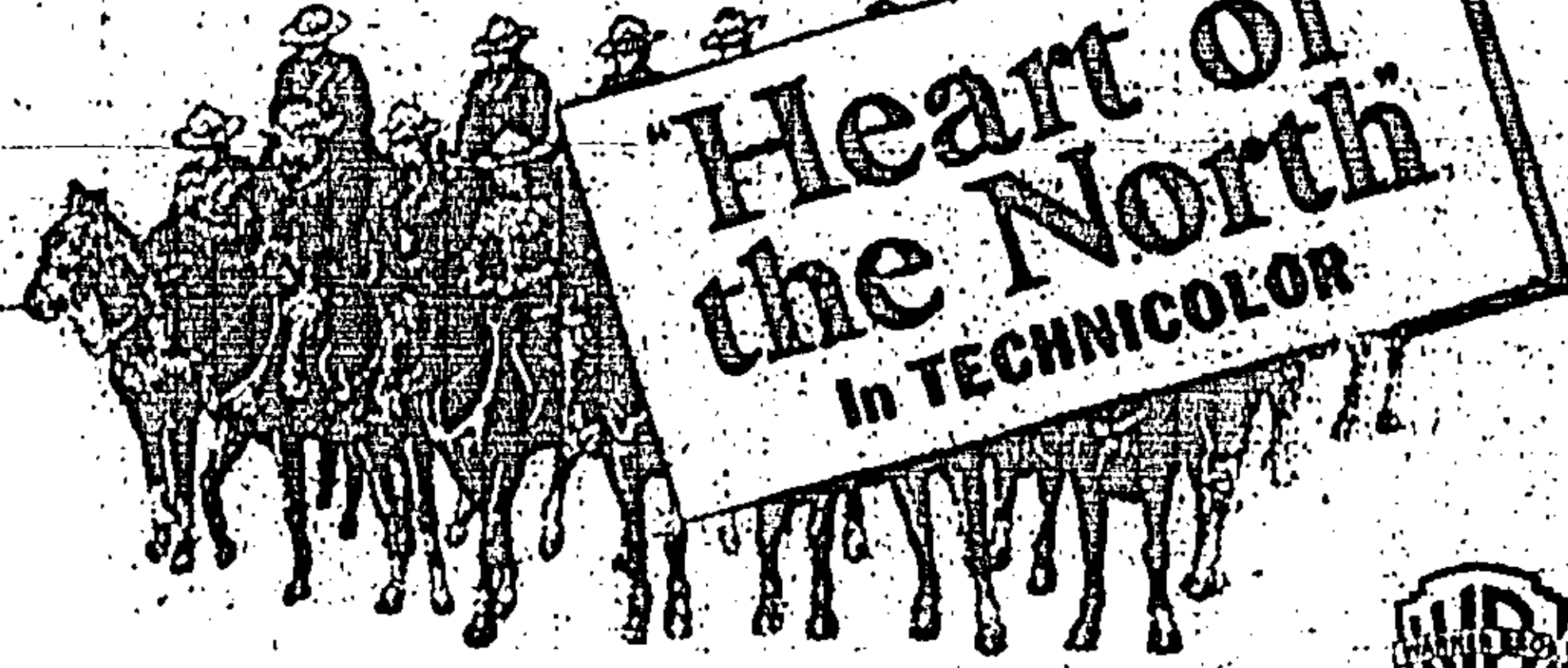
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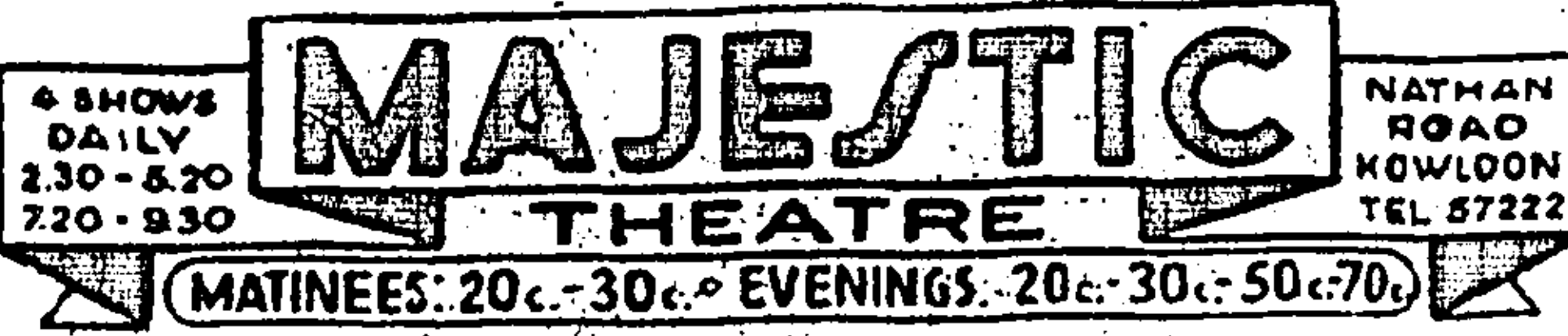
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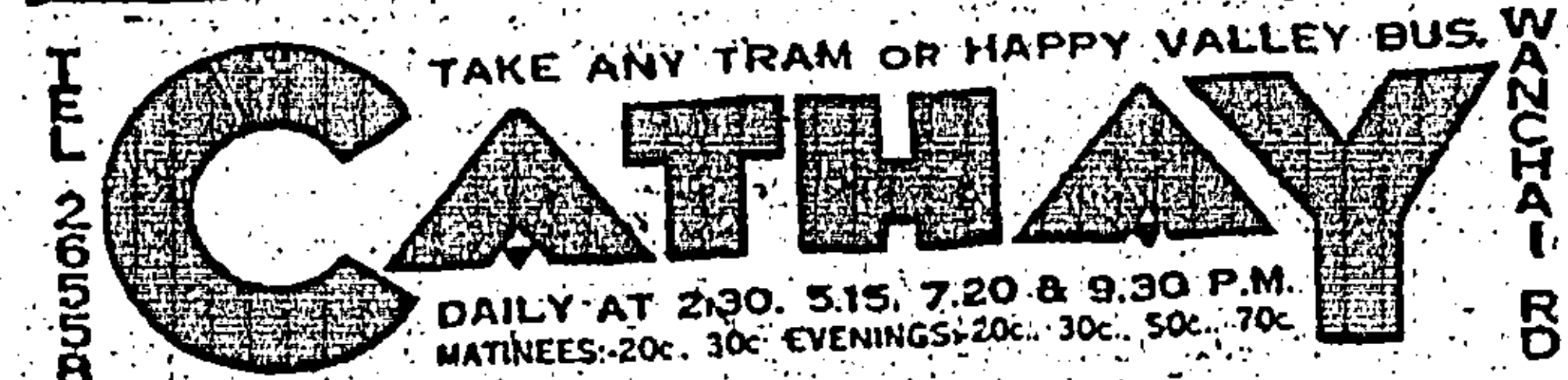
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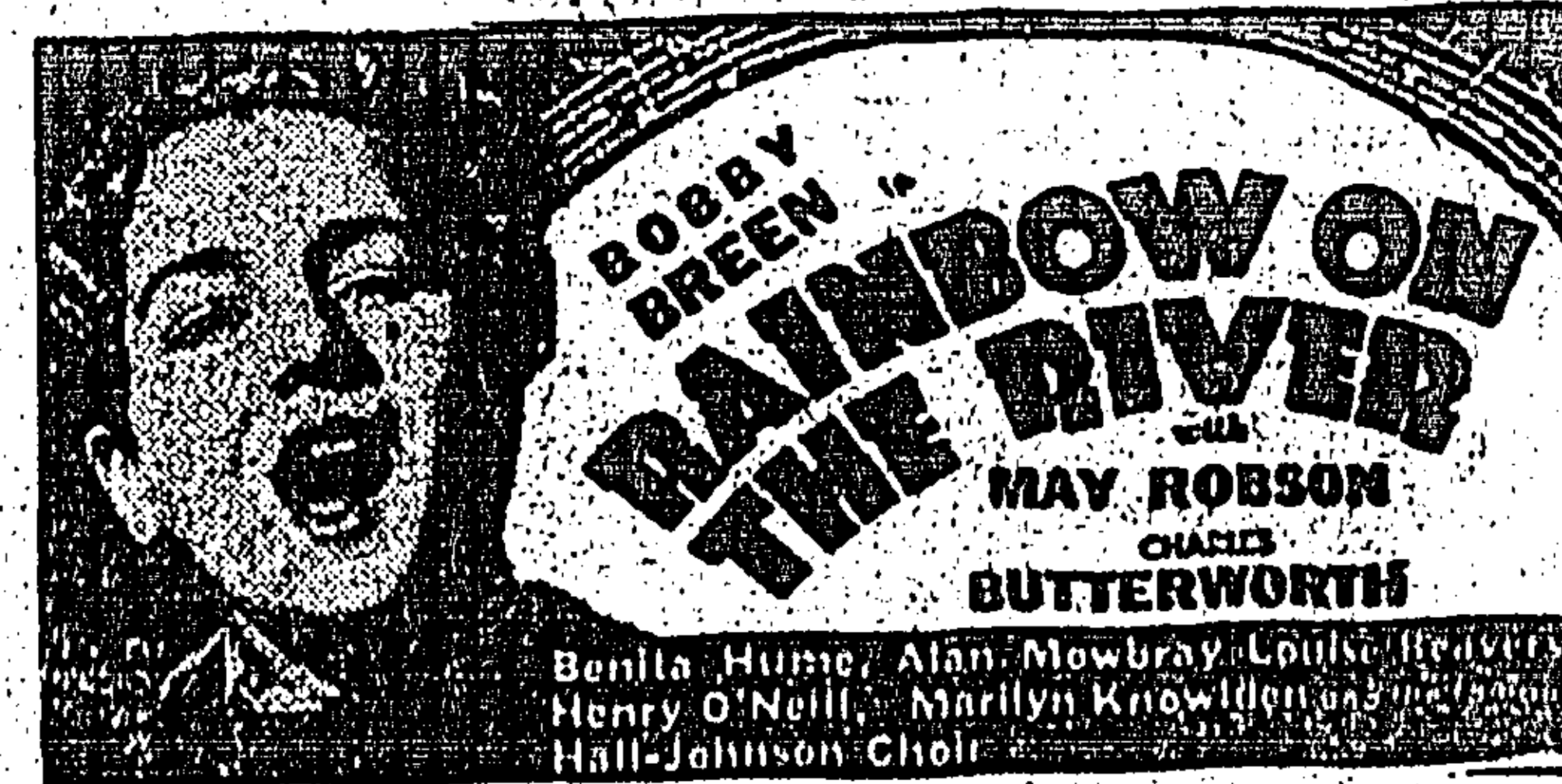
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NAVY STRAINS ITS EYES LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF ITALIANS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent on board a British Cruiser in the Mediterranean)
BRITISH SAILORS ARE BEGINNING TO SUFFER FROM EYE-STRAIN LOOKING FOR THE ITALIAN NAVY.

We have just returned from a 2,000-mile reconnaissance sweeping the Western Mediterranean in the glaring sun by day and the bright moon by night—destroyers, cruisers and one aircraft carrier—without seeing a trace of Italian warships not contacting Italian submarines.

The only enemy interference in the three and a half days' operation was one five-minute attack by 24 Italian bombers.

It was only when we were well out to sea that we were told the thrilling news that we were going to bomb Cagliari, in Sardinia.

After nightfall, one by one the bombers we could not see but only hear glided off the broad decks of the aircraft carrier.

The sky was beginning to lighten again when the drone of engines heralded the return of the bombing machines—all safely back after successfully bombing Cagliari aerodrome and starting many fires.

Action Station

Suddenly, the whole Fleet was electrified by the report that two large formations of enemy aircraft were approaching.

"Action Stations" was sounded, men leapt to the anti-aircraft guns, and fighters roared into the sky.

Long minutes passed and then specks like birds dotted the sky in the glare of the sunlight.

I counted 24 Italian planes flying in four formations of six at about 16,000 feet.

Roaring World

The next minute I found myself in a roaring world filled with an unspeakable crashing sound as every ship spouted flame and smoke, hurling shells against the approaching planes.

The enemy attack centred on the aircraft carrier.

Salvo after salvo of bombs whistled down over a wide area. Neighbouring ships were hidden from view by great spouts of water, but as these splashed back lazily into the sea we found the ships still there—serene, undamaged.

In five minutes, calm again succeeded the inferno, except for the dimming drone of Italian planes scurrying back to their bases.

One enemy plane, with tell-tale wisps of smoke, was seen diving steeply and one probable victim was claimed in addition to two shot down by our fighters the previous day when reconnoitring too near our Fleet.

Disciplined Discretion

No damage was done to our ships and there were no casualties after this inaccurate bombing.

For many hours more we steamed well within reach of enemy aircraft and warships, but the Italians showed a well disciplined discretion in leaving our powerful force alone.

Another night of bright moonlight, and the next day we steamed into harbour unmolested. — Reuter

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Achieving a speed of 19.6 knots on her trial runs off the Atlantic Coast, the President Jackson, first completed of the American President-Line's seven new luxury liners for the round-world service, has been declared "entirely satisfactory."

Yung Wing-kwai, of No. 32, Leighton Hill Road, has reported the theft of a pair of binoculars, valued at \$150, from his car which was parked outside his residence yesterday.

SEVEN RIFLES UNDER BED

Chan Sui, 51, importer, was fined \$75 by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for possession of seven rifles and five rounds of ammunition without a permit, at No. 2, Wing Sing Street, first floor.

It was stated that the rifles and ammunition were found under defendant's bed, when the Police raided the premises yesterday.

Defendant said the rifles and ammunition were given to him by people on a junk for the purpose of obtaining a licence.

A confiscation order was made. A junk master, Cheuk Hoi, was fined \$30 by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, for unlawful possession of a hand grenade on board a junk at Shaikwan yesterday.

The hand grenade was found during a routine search.

LUGARD ROAD SNATCHING ATTEMPT

Mrs. H. C. Margett, of No. 295, The Peak, walking in Lugard Road about 9.45 a.m. yesterday, was attacked by a Chinese who attempted to snatch her handbag. When an alarm was raised, the man ran away.

SAILORS GAOLED

Two Chinese sailors employed on a motor boat of the Royal Army Service Corps, were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with stealing of a five-gallon drum of oil.

One month's hard labour was imposed on each.

Between 6 p.m. on Monday and 6 a.m. yesterday, a warehouse at No. 3, Pak Chi Lane, Aberdeen Street, was entered and 360 cattles of Chinese ink, valued at \$200, were stolen.

YUNNAN UNIVERSITY BOMB LOSSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Over \$1,700,000 represents the value of the losses sustained by the National Yunnan University, Kunming, as a result of the Japanese air raid on October 13.

The campus was hit by more than 30 bombs, which wrecked most of the buildings, including the newly-erected Medical Building, Science Building, and staff residences. — Havas.



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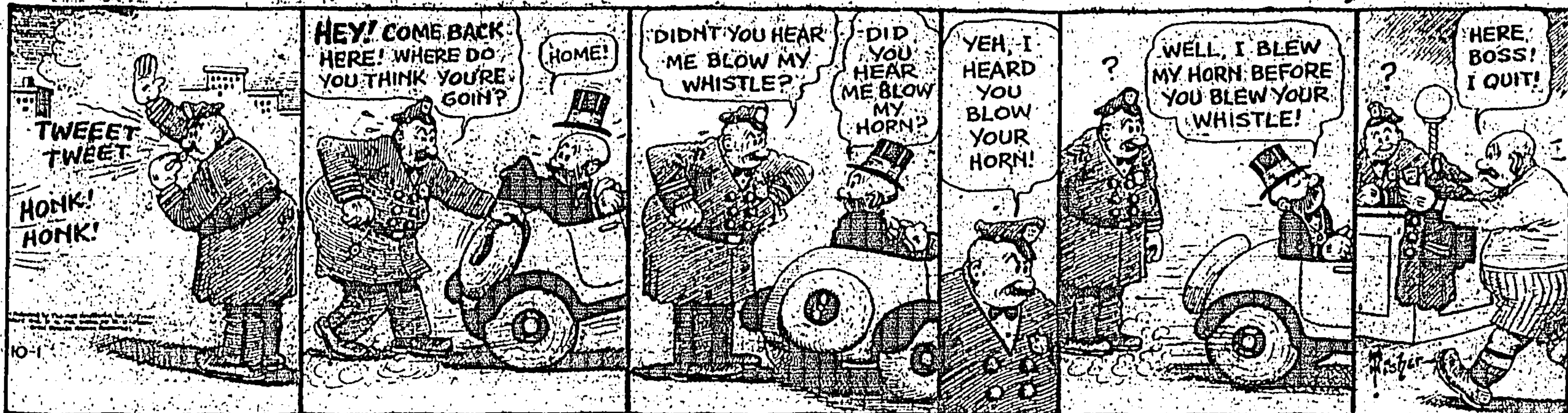
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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



DOZEN NEW SHOCKS IN RUMANIA

Rumania has been slightly shaken by about a dozen new earthquake shocks since Bucharest and other parts of the country were rocked by the big earth tremor over the week-end.

Subscriptions have been opened throughout the country to aid the quake victims. —Reuter.

ITALIANS GOOD AT THESE METHODS

THE ISLAND OF CORFU HAD FOUR "ALERTS" YESTERDAY. Italian planes bombed one town and then machine-gunned women and children in the fields. — Reuter.

VICHY GROWING ANXIOUS ABOUT STAND IN COLONIES

M. LAVAL, THE Vichy Vice-Premier, is reported from Berlin to be once again en route to Paris where, it is stated, he intends to consult with German officials.

In neutral quarters, this visit is linked up with the growing anxiety felt by the Vichy Government about the French Colonies.

It seems to be unable to withhold entirely from the French public, the news of General de Gaulle's latest successes in Gabon and a semi-official statement issued consists of a personal attack on General de Gaulle.

Signs of hurried consultations about North Africa have also been forthcoming.

Before leaving for Paris, M. Laval is reported to have seen M. Payrouton, Minister of the

Interior and former Resident-General of Morocco, and General Nogues, the actual Resident-General.

Nogues' Attitude

General Nogues, who decided to resist if Vichy ordered him to surrender to Spain or to the Axis, saw General Weygand at Algiers last Friday before leaving for Vichy.

Admiral Estiva, Resident-General at Tunis, only returned to Africa from Vichy last Sunday.

Finally a flying visit of 24 hours to Algiers has just been made by a member of the Vichy Government, Vice-Admiral Platon, Under-Secretary for Colonies, who returned to Vichy on Monday, and shortly after his return conferred with Marshal Petain, Admiral Darlan, Minister of Marine, and General Huntziger, Minister of War.

According to the Zurich newspaper "La Suisse" Vichy intends to "take fresh measures for the defence of the French Colonies." —Reuter.

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HORIZONTAL

- Globes
- American writer
- To stay
- Levantine sailing vessel
- Man's name
- Cry of Bacchanals
- OK of Celebes
- Animal's hard shell
- Sloping walk
- Article
- Four-bearing animals
- Snake-like fish
- Tibetan gazelle
- Worthless leaving
- Belgian river
- Creek
- Goddess
- Religious congregation
- Asiatic
- River in India
- Turkish regiment
- Philippine savage
- Confusion
- Woodland deity
- Gardening implement

VERTICAL

- Prefix: two
- Girl's name
- Good luck charm
- Ancient musical instrument
- Heraldic bestring
- Goddess of mischief
- Image
- Remunerates
- Born
- Mother of Apollo

7 Splice of grain

- Glacial ridges
- Frog genus
- Measuring of the probable duration of human life
- Scene
- Printer's measure
- Citrus fruit

8 Military cap

- Russian name
- Tress
- Dress
- Wine chalice
- French river
- Grampus
- Goddess of the harvest
- Hair-roll
- Food-fish
- Pronoun
- To vanish gradually
- To saturate
- Southern constellation
- Nine
- Rim
- Composed of lobes
- Roman bronze
- To be of use
- To cease
- South American armadillo
- Supporter
- Fades away
- Arrow poison
- Source
- Italian river
- Homo sapiens

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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NEW FASHION IDEA

Shell fragment jewellery is a new feminine fashion introduced by air-raids.

Girls are collecting small pieces of Hitler's bombs and A.A. shell splinters from their boy friends and having them made up into bracelets, necklaces and earrings.

There is a rush in some districts for shell splinter-picking after the "All clear" has gone.

"I only want another two pieces and I'll have enough for a bracelet!" one young girl told the "Daily Mirror." "As my fiancé is a member of the A.A. it will make a most appropriate keepsake."

Little boys are earning pocket-money selling pieces of shell for anything from a halfpenny to threepence.

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R.A.F.'S TRIPLE TASK

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

British bombers are now conducting three "anti-invasion drives" at once.

These are on the German Channel bases, on Libyan bases from which Italy hopes to invade Egypt and on ports and harbours which Italy is using to maintain her army in Greece.

The range of R.A.F. attacks on Italy's bases in Albania has slowly lengthened from Sarande and Konispolis in the southern corner of Albania to Valona, Durazzo, Tarento and Naples, which has now been visited three times, while the dockyards at Cagliari have been attacked by naval aircraft for the fourth time in three months.

Next to reinforcements comes the need to improve and protect the airfields in Greece which bombers could use in addition to the Cretan base.

More time must elapse before the R.A.F. offensive in this region can be at full strength.

Greece has three military air-ports and half a dozen auxiliary landing grounds, but as far as is known in London few of these are suitable for R.A.F. needs, — Reuter.

ITALIAN PLANE RAMMED

The British press yesterday carried photographs of some of the Italian 'planes brought down on Monday over Britain.

The Italians lost 13 machines, all brought down over the Thames Estuary within 15 minutes by two British squadrons, when themselves suffered no loss.

One Italian 'plane was rained by a British pilot who had run out of ammunition. The British 'plane subsequently landed safely.

The Germans lost 12 machines, so that the "bag" for the day was 25 enemy machines. Two British fighters are missing. — Reuter.

GOERING HOLDS OFF

THE ONLY ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY OVER ENGLAND YESTERDAY WAS BY A SMALL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT OPERATING SINGLY STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

One of these was shot down

AXIS SILENT ON DEBACLE IN GREECE

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

NEITHER THE ITALIAN NOR THE GERMAN RADIO HAS MADE ANY REFERENCE TO THE DEFEAT OF THE ALPINI DIVISION IN PINDUS MOUNTAINS — INDEED THE ONLY SUGGESTION IN THE TOTALITARIAN PHRASEOLOGY THAT OPERATIONS ARE NOT PROGRESSING AS IT WAS HOPED IS A CLAIM THAT "GREEK ATTACKS" IN THE EPIRUS ZONE HAVE BEEN REFUSED.

Admission of enemy attacks is already a big concession to truth by Axis propaganda. The appointment of a new commander-in-chief — General Soddu — for the campaign against Greece is, of course, another hint of the truth.

GANDHI ANNOYS PUNJAB

"A STORM OF INDIGNATION" HAS BEEN AROUSED IN PUNJAB BY A RECENT REMARK BY MAHATMA GANDHI IN HIS NEWSPAPER "HARIJAN" THAT THE PUNJAB WAS A RECRUITING GROUND FOR MERCENARY SOLDIERS, DECLARED MAJOR SIRDAR SIKANDER KYAT KAHN, THE PUNJAB PREMIER, IN A SPEECH IN LAHORE YESTERDAY.

Demanding the withdrawal of this "sweeping insult," Major Kyat Kahn declared that unless it was withdrawn, other parts of India would not be entitled to expect any assistance from the Punjab.

Recruiting was proceeding spontaneously without the slightest official pressure.

At very conservative estimates, 1,000,000 Punjabis were ready to sacrifice their lives in defence of the Motherland. — Reuter.

into the sea off the South-east Coast.

Bombs were dropped at a few points, including one in the London area. A small number of casualties was caused and little damage is reported. — Reuter.

On the other hand, the German Radio is somewhat amusing in its efforts to gloss over the signal defeat of the Italian air raid over Britain.

In other respects, there is a very noticeable tendency to exaggerate German successes, which presumably coincides with the visit of M. Molotov and is intended to impress.

It is probable that the Soviet Premier will be able to convince himself of the other aspects of the results of the air war during his stay in Berlin.

Although a report is current again that Count Ciano may be invited to meet Molotov, the Italian Foreign Minister has provided himself with a convenient excuse if the visit does not materialise.

A Cold Shoulder

The Rumanian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister are on their way to Rome for an official visit and their presence will naturally account for Count Ciano, stopping in Rome if the much desired invitation to Berlin is lacking.

Doubtless, Mussolini is also mindful of the fact that he had no part in the talks between Hitler and Franco and Hitler and Petain.

Incidentally, neither of those meetings seemed to have been followed by dramatic developments such as were heralded by the German Press.

Indeed, there is a peevish tone in German comments on the Vichy Government and M. Laval has certainly lost a good deal of caste both in Paris and Vichy, not to mention the French Colonies. — Reuter.



SINGAPORE

Triple-threat diplomacy by Germany, Italy and Japan brings Singapore to the intelligent attention of thousands of Americans to whom it had been only an exotic name. "The twain" meet at Singapore; it is the gateway between East and West, cross-roads of half a world.

The naval base which was opened there in 1938 is regarded as less vulnerable than Gibraltar, not to mention Hong Kong which has no hinterland. The symbolism of American cruisers at the Singapore ceremonies in February, 1938, is therefore, heightened to-day by the open threats of the Axis-Tokyo partnership against the United States.

These threats have existed—implied—for years. That is one reason why American warships joined British at Singapore. Even when it was not clear that the totalitarian advance in Europe was an American concern, it was plain that the aggressive attitude of totalitarian States could become a threat to American interests. Possibly, therefore, Singapore has not seen the last of American warships.

From the day when Britain's plans for a naval base at Singapore began to take physical shape, this position was recognised not simply as of importance to Britain but to all nations with possessions or trade interests in Southern Asia. Australians have looked to the development of an Empire defence plan based on Singapore as one of the keystones in their defence.

The equipment of the Singapore base is most impressive, including great docks, repair shops, refuelling facilities, fortification with extremely heavy guns, and an air base. It is some ten miles from the city of Singapore and protected from the mainland by a vast impenetrable swamp. Its most notable weakness must be attributed not to any geographical defect nor to its equipment, which cost over £20,000,000 and took nearly fifteen years to complete, but to the Washington Treaty under which Britain reduced its Navy so drastically.

What Singapore needs is ships. A formidable fleet, say of eight battle-ships and their quota of auxiliary craft, might make Singapore synonymous with law and order in the Far East. The Sin-

During the last war there was much justified hatred of the "brass-hat" — the man who not only led the Army from behind, but who did so without any appreciation of the conditions at the front, or of the fact that soldiers were still human beings. We are told that this is a civilians' war with the civilians in the front line. But, whatever the hat, the head within it remains the same. This war is run largely by civilians for civilians. On every hand it is not the man in uniform who builds and directs the machine; with startling pervasiveness it is an army of civilians which controls every sector of national life. The brass-hat was marked out from his fellow soldiers by the ornaments of red tabs and a veritable forest of medals. Our civilian brass-hats have no insignia to distinguish them from the common herd. Yet, contemplating their works, the colossal muddles, the interminable red tape, the procrastination and laissez-faire attitude, one is forced to the conclusion that, when the civil servant enters his office, the ordinary citizen in him is left on the mat.

That there is serious incompetence, if no worse failings, in the civil service few people now doubt. War has revealed what was scarcely concealed in the last years of peace. None will deny that the civil service can produce brilliant and capable administrators and organisers, such as Sir Wilfrid Eady. But it is a mark of the paucity of such talent, that Sir Wilfrid Eady has had to hold three important posts in five years to organise new services for the Government. An administrative system which fails to produce or attract great administrators must be radically wrong. The civil service to-day is for the most part recruited under much the same conditions and organised in much the same way as it was in days when there was no contact between the Government and industry, when social services were rudimentary, and when the occasional decisions which had to be reached could be taken at his leisure by the Minister concerned, after a long and leisurely procedure of departmental examination. In ordinary commercial life, the civil service administrative system of lengthy memoranda and committees would surely bring bankruptcy in its train, even if it was not accompanied by the type of mentality which appears to find its special home in the civil

Bankruptcy Of The Civil Service

(A Cutting From "Truth")

service. Civil servants are given no responsibility and they develop no sense of responsibility. Few regard themselves in any sense as the servants of the public. To them the public, and especially that part which is foolish enough to earn its living by producing goods, is something to be, if not despised, at least looked down upon from the Olympian heights, in whose rarefied atmosphere it appears inconceivable that a particular individual should really need,

as a matter of bare existence, a decision to be taken within a week, much less a day or an hour. It is the same type of civil servant who takes most delight in observing the full traditional procedure of memoranda and committees and conferences. His memoranda may be works of considerable literary merit of an academic type. But they are interminable and indeterminate. Not being publicly responsible for the action taken, he is not concerned

to make concrete recommendations. Impressed from his first days with the necessity of being judicial, he invariably seeks refuge in a verdict of "not proven." The same civil servants delight in going from committee to committee like fashionable ladies from tea-party to tea-party, where they will exchange their witticisms and the scandal of the parish. All points of view will be put, but little action will result. The committee reaches its perfection when the interests of a number of departments conflict. There must be co-ordination. Co-ordination, at best, means a compromise on half-hearted action which represents the highest common factor of agreement. More often the highest factor of agreement is a unanimous decision to do nothing. It is exceedingly rare that an inter-departmental committee settles down with the genuine intention of finding the best way of achieving an object, even if it means over-riding the unimportant interests of a few departments.

One conviction held deeply and seriously by all civil servants is that the civil service is the last word in good administration and that without the press and the public, who always want the impossible or the inadvisable, the country, or what would be left of it, would be run perfectly. They are, moreover, quite convinced that the secrets of good administration have been given only to the select band of permanent civil servants and that, while an increase in their numbers might be good for the country and for themselves, an expansion in their ranks by the introduction of interlopers trained to quicker methods in more mundane walks of life is a thing to be strongly opposed. Civil servants are not merely a very close trades union. They are a jealous clique. They hate with an intense jealousy the temporary civil servants introduced since the outbreak of war.

There is no single cure for these ills. But the evil spirit pervading much of the civil service must be cut out, root and branch. It is not merely a problem for post-war consideration. It affects the very dynamic of our war-machine. The only immediate remedy is the utterly ruthless eradication of all individuals who display these vices. After the war we can discuss new administrative methods and new methods of recruitment. The one certainty is that it must not be left to civil servants to mend their system.

"THE CUBS ARE WITH YOU, DAD!"



From "The Argus" (Melbourne)

Still A Quiet Hour

By Ivor Brown

The rain, we know, rains mostly on the just because "the unjust have the just's umbrellas." War twenty years ago fell mainly upon youth, at least in this country, whose general privation, though severe, never approached the unendurable. But this time much of the luck lies neither with the sexes, nor the generation but with the locality. To be old and rich in 1914 was to be certainly older and probably far richer, if still alive, in 1918. But this time increase of wealth is, to our credit, extremely unlikely. Nobody, we hope, is having a good war; but some are having far less trouble than others. It all depends on where you live. Better a cottage in Cumberland than a castle in Kent.

When in the middle of 1840 the war became for Britain mainly a sea-and-air war this new kind of territorial injustice was the more emphasised. It had its ironies. Those who had most carefully made their arrangements for security found that they had chosen the wrong burrow. For a while London had the smile of South Devon and other supposedly Arcadian, untroubled, and paradisaical places. Then that tide turned and there was no particular pleasure to be discovered by dwelling in what the house agents call "the Surrey Highlands" or by communing with Kipling's "dim, blue goodness of the Weald." But if you went

farther north the goodness of the hills, whether blue or green, was never better than in this meteorologically magnificent summer of 1940.

When the first great air assault was being made by the massed German planes I happened to be playing croquet at Buxton. Croquet is a gentle pastime, in the best Elizabethan sense of the word, a mannerly, companionable, graceful exercise demanding immense precision of eye and hand, a calculating, forward-thinking, almost mathematical mind, and an imperturbable patience and mastery of temper. It happens in pleasant places and consumes serene and sunlit hours. Planning your break while you wait for your opponent's hand to slip is indeed a green thought in a green shade. Croquet, of course, is a form of strife, as all games are, a form in which the arrival of the foe to break up your strategy, which reached towards celestial triumphs, may be likened to the remorseless action of a dive bomber. Yet, for all its raids and revenges, croquet somehow is the symbol of tranquil and untroubled years.

That such soft sylvan music as the click of the mallet or the prattle of the bowlers on the neighbouring and exquisite lawns should be serenely played while the infernal orchestra screamed over counties not an hour's flight away seemed preposterous and utterly unjust.

After my croquet I walked in Derbyshire on that afternoon of massed murder in the not-so-far South-east. It was a day of breeze and brilliance, turning grey to gold. Standing on the platform of that simple little station marked on my ticket as Chapel-en-le-Frith, I saw the shire, not usually to be set among our more gaily coloured counties, rolling away northward. It was a terrestrial ocean, a tumble of reared and crested land waves, an undulant majesty of grit and lime-

stone combers: these seas, so often grey beneath a grizzling sky, were now serene and shimmering in "fantastic summer's heat." Between me and Chapel itself cricketers flashed white, while a hearty, thumping batsman heaved all his crouched bulk into a gigantic pull: it was the kind of glorious village clout which sets men running five or six while the bemused fielder wades ankle-deep in the long grass.

This 1940? Never. It was the high and serene summer of any halcyon year when the sun shone and men were glad, Drake, bowling at Plymouth, was never pinned to more pacific grass or set against a better backcloth of the English scene. And elsewhere? Well, stranger still, while the hell's tattoo was sounding incessantly beside the cricket fields of Kent, above merry Dover, where Lancashire men have so often been most mettlesome, over August, Canterbury and Tonbridge, great curse of men, one Sergeant Compston was going his playboy way to a century at Lord's, just as if life were young again and the sky a fleecy mattress for smiling Cupids or pacific cherubim.

He would be foolish who wished these trifles away. One indignant but misguided lady had complained at the sight of so much lawn in Buxton; she would have had nothing but cabbage-patch, planting sprouts and savoy's where the bowlers strove on their patch of green velvet; she would have sown gross cauliflowers where the croquet hoops and tennis nets now stood. I take leave to think that the amount of cabbage now growing in this country is sufficient to sadden the palate, while it may satisfy the stomachs, of all our millions. The perfect lawn is so very native and noble a thing, the belated and very necessary dividend of our grey, moist, misty winters, that he who would destroy or diminish these sweet, calm, and consoling spaces is doing

more for Hitler by his barbarism than he is for Britain by his horticulture. There are infinite patches still for the potato; must the greens we eat consume the nobler greens of our more gracious games?

Let all such beauties and quietudes be protected and sustained. A piece of good grass and green shade is the symbol of the spirit's peace, as Marvell knew. To describe a lawn, as did the author of "Leaves of Grass," as "the handkerchief of the Lord, a scented gift and remembrance designedly dropt," may smack too much of sentiment for the ordinary taste. But when we are thinking of the cruel contrasts of this war, of the harassed village and the hamlet undisturbed, of slumberous vicarage gardens and the roaring, blasted heath, let us at least see from the fallacy that we redeem one loss by inflicting another.

To those enduring the fearful risks and strains of aerial battle and to those who suffer the prolonged and grinding discipline of continual warrings and of vigils long enforced the undimmed and tranquil hour may seem a far-off, impossible bliss. Descending yet again to a cellar more stuffy than cool and listening to the drone of death above and without, we may easily be jealous of the Pennine shepherd or the silvered seniors taking tea or sport upon our English lawns; but there is a pleasure, too, if bitter-sweet, in thinking of the good affairs of Great Gable burnished in the autumn sun, of the tumbling Tees at Cull-dron Snout, of a desperate putt which seemed to flag, then struggled up and fell. Somewhere amid the din, the squalor, and the danger memory tells of quiet hours for hope to recreate and minds to feed upon. Sentimental? Escapist? Call it what you will. Still the happiest way to sit among the sandbags is to think of green places once more to be trodden, savoured, and possessed.

HITLER'S OFFER TO SOVIET

BOMBS DROPPED IN SUEZ CANAL ZONE

Enemy aircraft dropped several bombs on the Canal Zone at about 7.30 p.m. on Monday night, says a communique issued in Cairo yesterday by the Egyptian Ministry of Defence.

Several other bombs were dropped in an orchard near Cairo at about 8 p.m. There were no casualties in either raid and casualties were slight.—Reuter.

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Plunder In Middle East With Nazi Permission

THE SOVIET PRESS IN MOSCOW IS MAINTAINING COMPLETE SILENCE ON M. MOLOTOV'S VISIT TO BERLIN, IN SHARP DISTINCTION TO THE PEP-TALKS OF THE NAZI NEWSPAPERS.

It is revealed in Moscow that the British Ambassador, Sir Stafford Cripps, had an interview on Monday with the Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Vishinsky.

Hitler received Molotov for a lengthy conversation yesterday afternoon, at which Ribbentrop was present, with Hitler's bodyguard doing the honours outside the Chancellery.

The first conference between Ribbentrop and Molotov lasted two hours, according to a Berlin message, but no details have been disclosed.

That Hitler has placed great

hopes on the visit of the Soviet Prime Minister is indicated from reports from the Berlin correspondents of the Swiss newspapers.

On the one hand it is stated that he wishes to obtain Russia's adherence to the Axis-Tokyo Alliance, or, if that is impossible, to facilitate the conclusion of a Russo-Japanese Pact in order to demonstrate to the world Russia's solidarity with the Axis.

On the other hand Hitler is said to be anxious to obtain Russia's support for Germany's expansionist policy in the Near East.

"PROTECTION" NOT WANTED

Representatives of the Swiss Legation, representing German affairs in Britain, have recently been permitted by the Home Office to visit internment camps to offer internees the protection of the Swiss Government.

It is understood that in nearly every case avowed Nazis have availed themselves of the offer, while anti-Nazis have refused, stating they prefer the protection of the British Government.

Hint Of Proposed Deal

The Berlin correspondent of "Tribune de Geneve" states that Molotov's visit is considered in Berlin as a sign that Russia has now declared herself in favour of the Axis.

The correspondent asks: What price must be paid to Moscow? Certainly the Dardanelles, he replies, but much more as well.

The indications are, he adds, that the Near East and Central Asia will be promised to Russia as her sphere of expansion with special emphasis on Turkey, Iran and Iraq.—Reuter.

London Comment

Inspired Axis comment on Molotov's Berlin visit, particularly that emanating from Rome, indicates a strong hope that the outcome of discussions will be to bring Russian influence to bear on Turkish policy in Asia favourable to Axis plans.

The Soviet's recent policy does not appear to observers in London to give good grounds for expecting this hope to be realised, any more than many others which find expression in the Axis press and wireless.

That policy was again proclaimed at the recent great military review by the head of the Red Army as being directed by Stalin with the consistent purpose of safeguarding the Russian people from war.

As to the well-known attitude of the Turkish Government, commitment on Anglo-Turkish friendship which appeared in the last few days in the Turkish newspaper, "Sakikat", has been read in Britain with appreciation.

It wrote: "Many people are possibly surprised by the deep sincere friendship between nations which fought each other so stubbornly in the last war. The reason is simple. Turkey is a nation whose only ambition is to develop the resources within her own territory and Britain desires all nations to be able to do likewise, in peace. The sincere belief of Britain in this ideal is proved beyond doubt by the importance attached to the League of Nations. The fact she tolerated for so long, simply for the sake of European peace, the Fuehrer's insatiable demands provided further evidence of that belief."

DE GAULLE OCCUPIES GENTIL

General de Gaulle has apparently taken another African port.

A Geneva despatch to the official German News Agency says that all communications with the port of Gentil, the second largest port in Gabon are reported in Vichy to be cut. Hence it is presumed that General de Gaulle's forces have succeeded in capturing this port as well as Libreville.

Few Casualties

Troops of the Free French forces have entered Libreville and General de Gaulle has appointed Lieut.-Colonel Parrant to be Governor of Gabon, states a communique issued by de Gaulle's H.Q.

General Tente gave the order to end resistance and surrendered. Contrary to sensational propaganda reports, the operations which took place at Libreville caused very few casualties to either side.—Reuter.

HITLER'S WAR ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Women and children outnumbered men in the list of fatal civilian casualties on the Home Front in October.

Analysis of the official returns shows that air raid deaths in the month totalled 6,334, of which 2,900 were women, 643 children and 2,791 men.

Injured were 3,750 women, 717 children and 4,228 men.—Reuter.

LIE GIVEN TO GERMAN CLAIMS

A fierce reception was given to attacking German planes by a British convoy in the North Sea on Monday afternoon, according to an official statement.

The battle resulted in the shooting down by guns of at least three enemy aircraft and probably five, while all ships in the convoy were successfully preserved.

The Admiralty communique, in reporting these facts, gives the lie to official German claims.

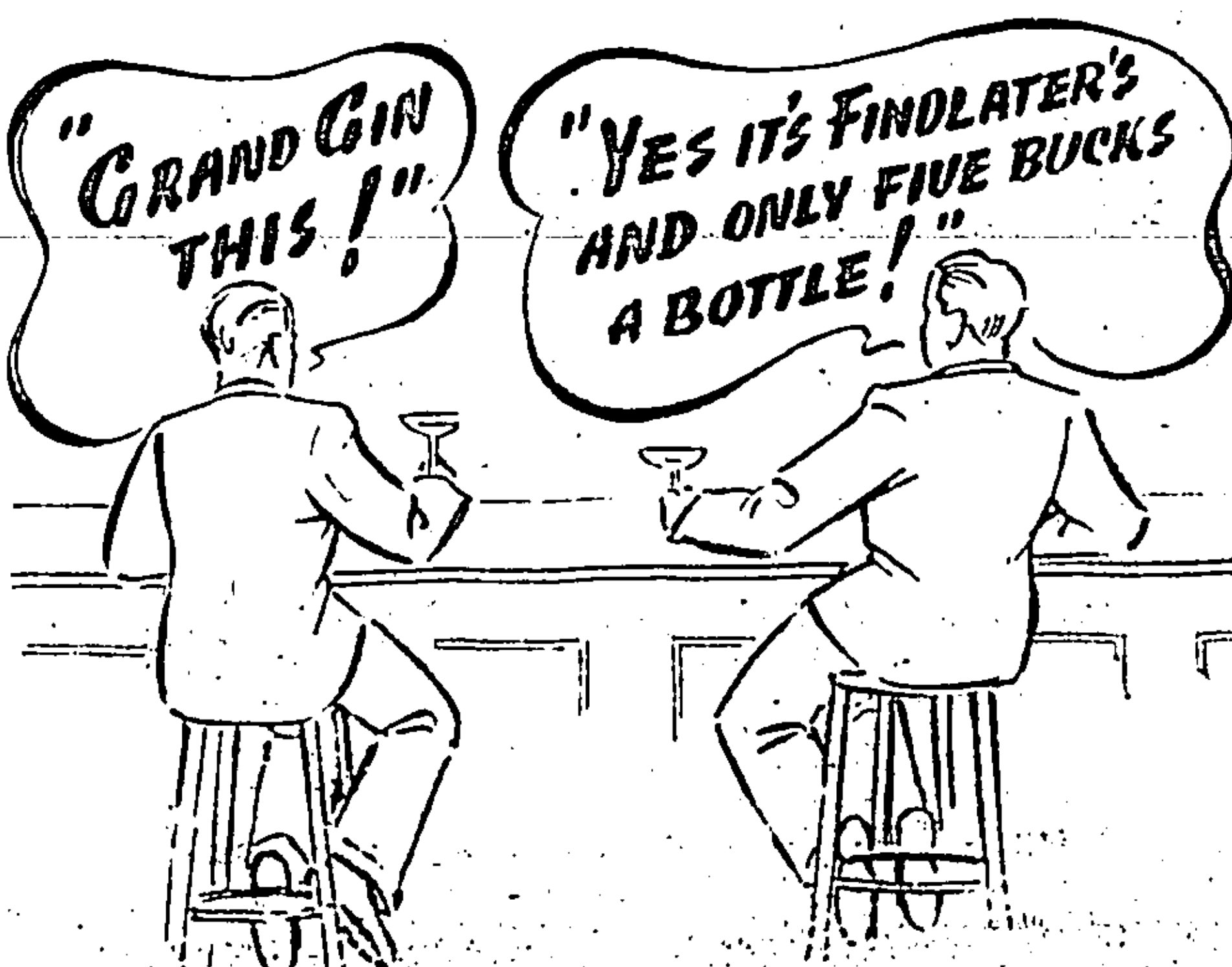
Last night, a special announcement was broadcast by Germany stating that five of our ships totalling 37,000 tons were sunk during this attack on our convoy. This claim was later improved on by the German High Command communique which built it up to seven merchant ships of about 44,000 tons.

In point of fact, no ships were sunk. Two ships sustained some damage but both are now safe.

The Admiralty points out that the attacking planes shot down by the escorting warship are in addition to about eight planes shot down by the R.A.F., as was announced by the Air Ministry on Monday night.—Reuter.

H.M.S. Vivien and H.M.S. Londonderry each shot down one Junkers and the Vivien's fire so severely damaged another, it is not likely to have regained its base. H.M. tug, St. Mellons, shot down one Messerschmidt and damaged another enemy aircraft.—British Wireless.

outlook and principles between the two nations. Anglo-Turkish friendship is stronger than any fascist combination which only existed in order to break down European order.—British Wireless.



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MR. CHURCHILL'S INSPIRING TRIBUTE TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN

TRIBUTES WERE paid to the memory of Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the Commons yesterday by the leaders of the three great political parties, each of whom is a member of the present Cabinet.

The Prime Minister said it fell to Mr. Chamberlain, in one of the supreme crises of the world to be contradicted by events, disappointed in his hopes and deceived and cheated by a wicked man.

But what were the hopes in which he was disappointed. What were the wishes in which he was frustrated. And what was the faith that was abused.

They were surely amongst the most noble and benevolent instincts of the human heart — the love of peace, the love of peace, striving for peace, pursuit of peace, even at great peril and certainly to the utter disdain of the popularity of clamour.

"Whatever else history may or may not say about these terrible tremendous years, we can be sure Neville Chamberlain acted with perfect sincerity according to his lights and strove to the utmost of his capacity and authority, which were powerful, to save the world from the awful devastating struggle in which we are now engaged."

Mr. Churchill continued that this effort was a help to the whole Empire for the verdict of future generations would be that Britain was guiltless of the blood and terror and misery which had engulfed so many lands and peoples and yet sought new victims still.

Silence Of The Tomb

"Herr Hitler protests with frantic words and gestures that he only desired peace. What do these ravings and outpourings count before the silence of Neville Chamberlain's tomb. Long, hard and hazardous years lie before us, but at least we entered upon them united and with clean hearts."

Mr. Churchill spoke of Mr. Chamberlain's possessing in an altogether exceptional degree certain qualities always admired in Britain — physical and moral toughness, of fibre, precision of mind and firmness of spirit.

"Model To Us All"

"The same qualities which made him one of the last to enter upon the war made him one of the last who would quit it until the full victory of a righteous cause was won."

He (Mr. Churchill) had the singular experience of passing in a day from being one of his most prominent opponents and critics to being one of his principal lieutenants and on another day passing from serving under him to become the head of a Government of which, with perfect loyalty, he was content to be a member. Thereafter he acted with a singleness of purpose and simplicity of conduct which at all times, and especially in great times, ought to be a model to us all."

Unswerving Loyalty

Mr. Churchill concluded: "It was that he would not be and could not be a spectator of our victory but I think he died with the knowledge his country had at last turned the corner." The traditional adjournment of Commons in mark of respect for the passing of an ex-Premier was not followed as the result of a request by Mr. Chamberlain himself during the last days.

Earl Halifax, in the Lords, also spoke of Mr. Chamberlain's high qualities and particularly stressed his capacity to attach to himself the unswerving loyalty of those associated with him. — British Wireless.

FORGERY CHARGE

Chan Tun-cheung, 29, clerk, and Chan Lau-sze, 58, widow, were charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with forging a document of title to land, memorial No. 44783 registered in the District Office South, purporting to have been made out by Chan Wong-Sze, on November 12.

First defendant admitted the charge, but second defendant pleaded not guilty.

Hearing was fixed for November 21, at 2.30 p.m.

Detective Sergeant D. G. Macpherson is in charge of the case.

AUTHORITARIAN CONTROL IN FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE ADMINISTRATIVE structure of French territory, which dates back to the French Revolution and Napoleonic reform, is at present being reorganised, Marshal Petain disclosed in an exclusive interview with the weekly magazine "Candide" at Clermont Ferrand.

Stressing that the administrative division of France into 86 departments headed by prefects dependent on the Home Ministry was prejudicial to real authority, since the Home Minister could not possibly know all the prefects, Marshal Petain said:

"Our main object is to revive and strengthen authority. Real authority may be exercised only when the central power can issue orders to a smaller number of trusted men whom it knows well."

"Heretofore, the Home Minister commanded 86 prefects. Actually, these prefects depended not only upon the Home Minister but also upon local deputies and senators."

"My plan is to divide France into 20 districts according to their geographical and political affinities, each district comprising three or four departments."

Governorships

A Governor will be placed at the head of each region, dependent directly on the central power, while the prefects will be under the Governor and will retain purely administrative but not political functions."

This new machine, he said, will start functioning shortly.

Earlier in his interview, Marshal Petain emphasised that France "must not only have confidence in me but also confidence in herself, and each Frenchman must help me."

He said that the multiplicity of prefects who submitted directly to Paris was the reason for the unsatisfactory working of the Administration which was "dislocated." — Havas.

MR. EDEN GRANTED AUDIENCE

Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for War, who returned to London on Saturday from a tour of British military units in the Near East, was yesterday received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace. — British Wireless.

OHASHI GIVEN GAIMUSHO POST

Mr. Chulchi Ohashi was yesterday appointed Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs. He was appointed Acting Vice-Minister on August 12. — Reuter.

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16th November, 1940

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The correct weights will appear in the Race Book.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th November, 1940.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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Hong Kong 11th Nov., 1940.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the Board Room, South China Morning Post, Ltd., on THURSDAY, 14th November, 1940 at 5.45 p.m. for the purposes of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st August, 1940, and of electing office bearers for the ensuing year, etc.

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North, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable
♠ K 9 8 4
♥ K 5 2
♦ K J 10 4
♣ K 5

♠ J 6 5 2 N ♠ Q
♥ J 6 W ♥ A Q 10
♦ 9 8 7 2 E ♦ 9 4
♣ 7 6 2 S ♣ 6 5 3
♠ A 10 7 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ A Q
♣ A Q J 10

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Jack of hearts, dummy ducked, and East signalled encouragement with the ten. West led his other heart and East won with the heart Queen and laid down the heart Ace. It was at this point that West found a way to execute a neat swindle.

He realised that his Jack of trumps was worthless unless his partner had the blank Queen. For if South had both the Ace and Queen of trumps, he would surely win the first two tricks in his own hand, and thus find out that West had started with four trumps. It would then be easy to finesse through West's trumps. So West's only real chance was to confuse South into the hope that East had the blank Queen-Jack of trumps.

West's play was to trump his partner's Ace of hearts! Then he returned a diamond. South won and naturally assumed that West's trumps were worthless since he could afford to trump his partner's Ace.

So when South's Ace of spades dropped East's Queen, he decided that East was trying a crude false-card with the doubleton Queen-Jack. Therefore he played the King of spades from the dummy on the next trick, and West was then assured of the setting trick.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J 7 3 2
♥ 9 7 6 3
♦ A Q
♣ 9 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Schenken	Maier
1♥	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. Despite your high-card strength, your hand is not good for enough actual tricks to warrant a vulnerable overall. Your length in hearts indicates that the opening bidder's partner will have no fit for that suit and will therefore be inclined to look for a penalty double if he has a fair hand.

Score 100% for pass, 60% for one spade.

Question No. 563

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ A Q 7
♥ A K 6 3
♦ 9 5
♣ K J 7 4

The bidding:

You	Maier	Schenken	Jacoby
1♥	Do!	2♥	Pass
(?)			

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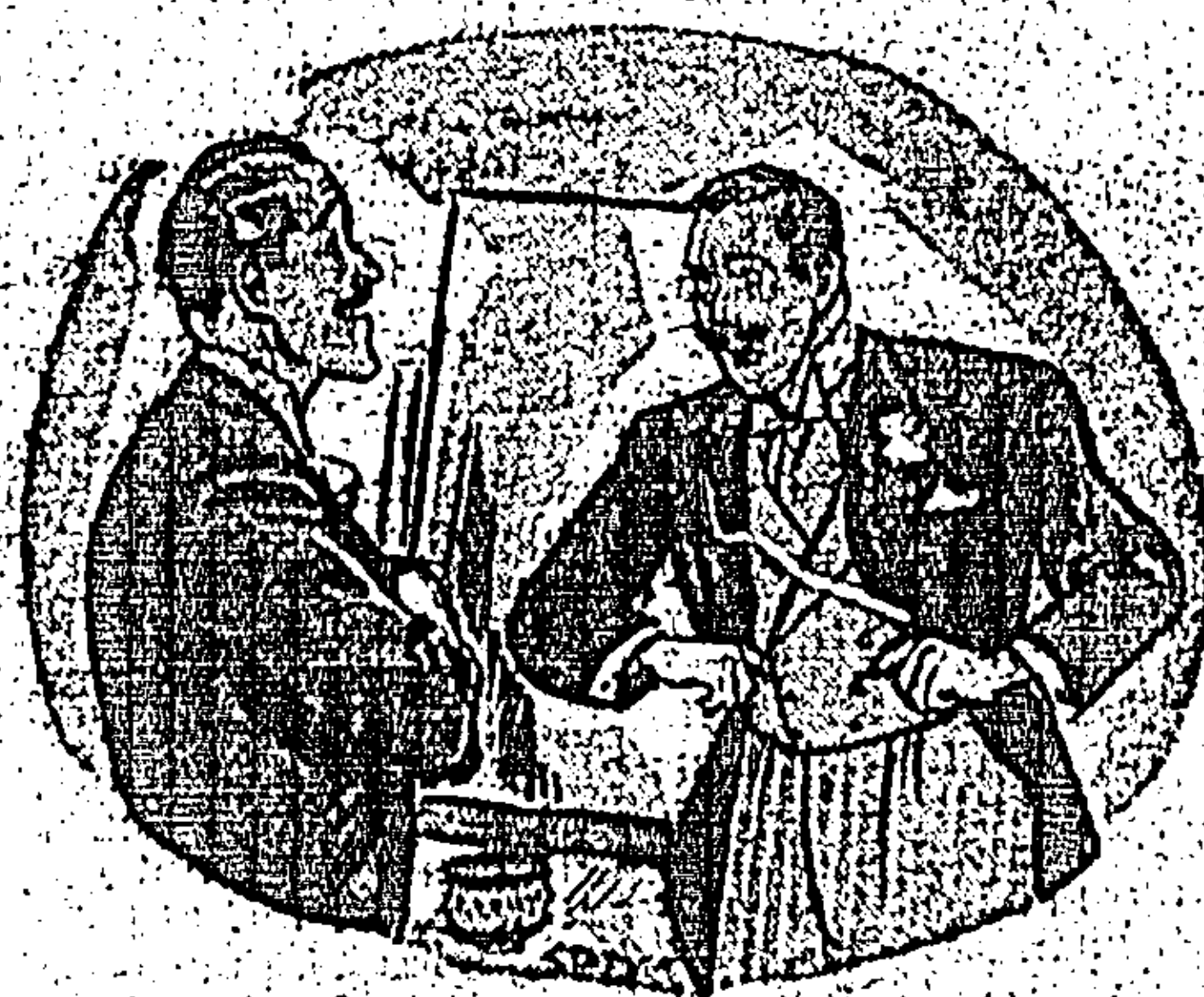


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"You will find it nestling coyly in the bottom right-hand waistcoat pocket."

"Oh yes. Of course. So it is. Ha! Ha! Funny if I lost it. Yes. I say — let's go over this business once more. Now what do I do when..."

"My dear Peter, look at your tie. Pull yourself together. Remember, I'm the man who's going to be married, not you."

"Oh. Are you? I mean yes — of course. Fact is, old boy, I'm in a rather weak state. That celebrat-

tion of yours last night. Oh my poor head. I'm sure I won't be able to squeeze it into that wretched topper."

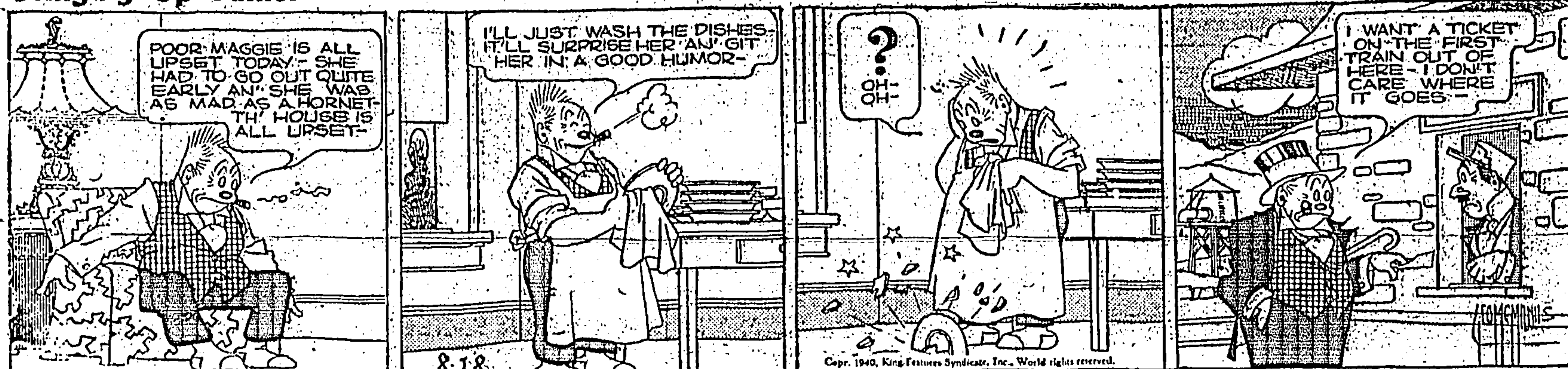
"If you'd only taken my advice last night and stuck to gin and Rose's..."

"Rose's? Oh yes. For the bridesmaids. I thought you said they were to be carnations."

"Rose's Lime Juice, blockhead! Prevents hangovers. Therapeutic action. I wish I'd rammed a quart of it down your silly throat. Next time I get married, Peter, remember — you stick to gin and Rose's the night before."

"Oh yes. Thanks for the tip. I will. I say — Charles — where did I put that ring? I could have sworn..."

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Ten Timely Suggestions

No girl is born a belle—she usually earns her popularity by being interesting to talk with and most personable in her appearance. Many very popular girls are not beautiful—but they are attractive for they have the sense to make the most of themselves.

They see that they exercise out of doors or at home on a mat. They find stretching movements make them graceful, bumps and thumps keep their figures streamlined!

They sleep sufficiently to keep eyes sparkling, skin clear and dispositions engaging! If one night keeps them up too late they hop into bed earlier the next night. Cat naps in the afternoon taken in the "beauty-angle" with feet higher than head builds beauty.

They watch their menus. They eat enough for strength and ignore between-meal-snacks at the corner drugstore. They know plenty of fruit and many salads during summer should be the major part of their nourishment.

They keep hair glossy with care—much brushing, regular shampoos every ten days or two weeks, and frequent scalp massages. During summer they never allow sun or salt water dim their

tresses. Vanity sees to that!

They take the trouble to learn how to preserve their teeth. Semiannual examinations are good you know, but daily care of brushing, chewing, and using dental floss are more important. They keep mouths free of acid by keeping healthy.

They realise skin health is the foundation of skin beauty. Cleanliness is first in their thoughts, that means daily tubbings, facial shampoos after cream cleansings and a make-up is never covered with fresh.

They take time to study how much make-up they should wear. No occasion finds them with too much rouge and powder and lipstick. Fingertines match their lips always, and for sports they usually look delightfully casual. Even though it might have taken them an hour to dress! No set hair styles, subtle cosmetic artifice!

They sense the importance of personal gauntness. No day, no matter how sweltering, finds them limp. Fresh as a daisy and as sweet smelling as a freshly bathed babe, is their motto. Depilatories, anti-perspirants, deodorants, shields and refreshing colognes are stocked regularly. Lingerie touches of dress

are kept immaculate. Nails are beauty assets always.

They check on fatigue or other ailment. Good health, good looks; poor health, no beauty.

They take study or work in their stride and know when to take time for play. All work, no play makes Susie a dull doll!

They value their femininity and put a high price upon it. Swains dance attendance and handle them with reverence for a belle, who masters poise through self-confidence, can usually choose her own stag line! She keeps lovely for the joy of it and men proudly seek her company!

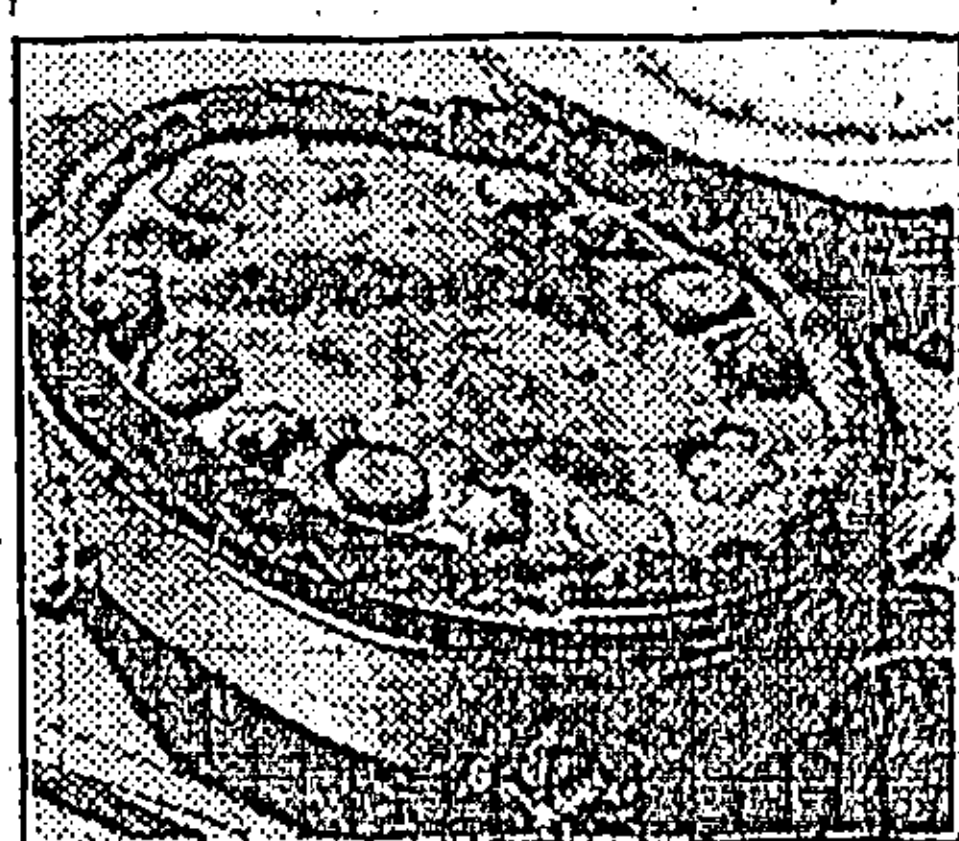
A HOT MAIN-DISH PIE

for a Gadabout Day

by Dorothy Greig

WHEN mother would remark, "That's a dish to save for one of my gadabout days," we knew the dish in question was a simple one to prepare. On shopping days, club days, church meeting days, one of her "gadabout" dishes was certain to turn up for the evening meal.

And it's a good idea to keep in mind a few extra, easy dishes for just such busy outside days. The hot pie I am going to tell you about is of that sort.



It is hearty and satisfying with hard-cooked eggs and salmon as its mainstay and condensed clam chowder soup for a deeply flavorful sauce. And it boasts a superb cheese pastry crust. When that crust is broken into and the helpings lifted, smoking hot and savory, onto warmed plates, oh, my dears, here is food to be relished.

You can save last minute preparation time by hard-cooking the eggs at breakfast time and also by working the pastry and putting it to chill in the refrigerator before you go out.

Egg and Salmon Pie with Cheese Crust

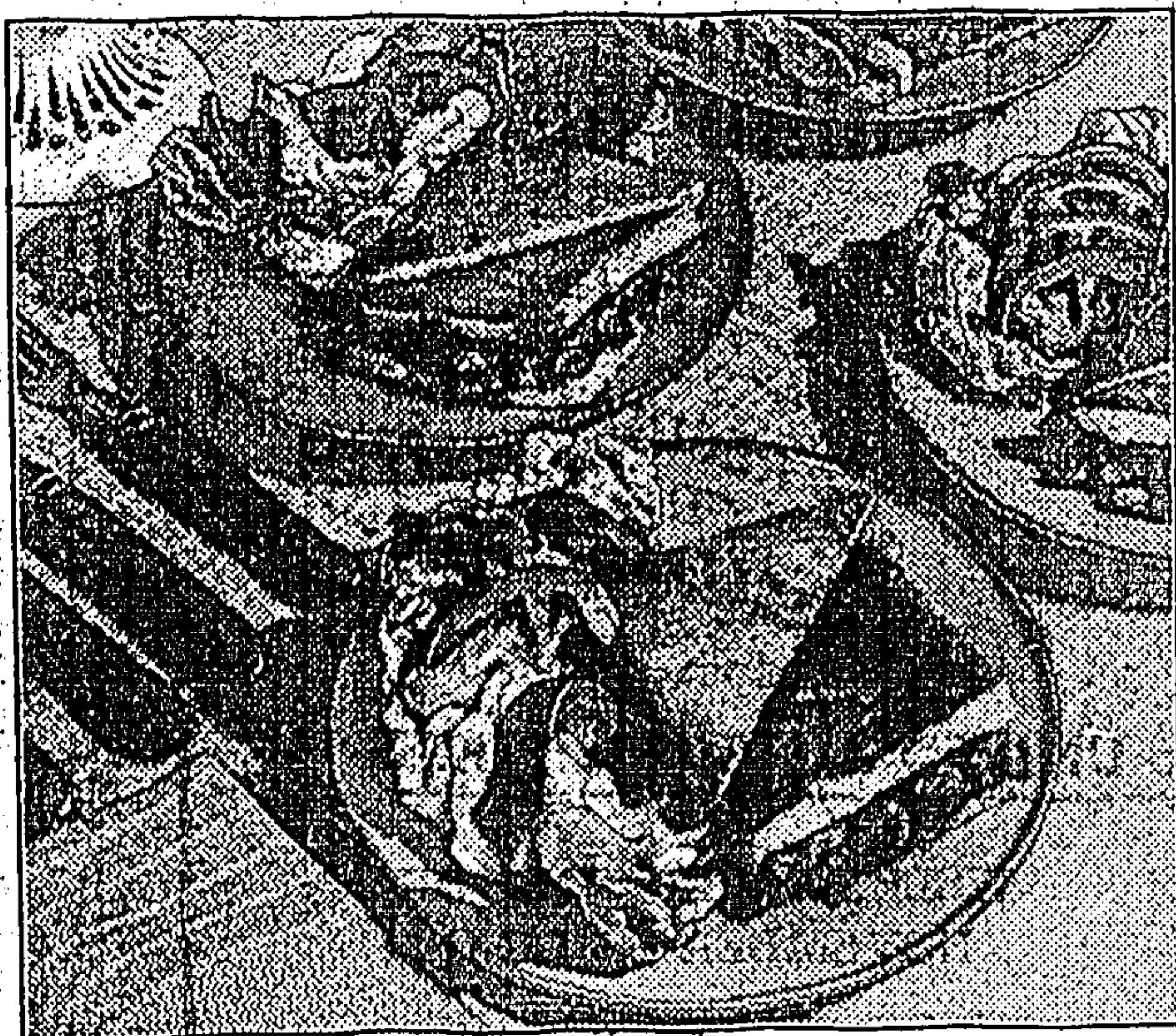
1 can condensed clam chowder
1/2 cup milk
1 can (1 pound) salmon
3 hard-cooked eggs
Stir the milk into the clam chowder. Sift the eggs and arrange the slices in the bottom of a buttered casserole. Pour one-half of the clam chowder (which has been mixed with the milk) over the sliced eggs. Then arrange the layer of flaked salmon (from which the bones and dark skin have been removed) in the casserole. Pour the remaining clam chowder over the salmon. Cover with the cheese crust.

Cheese Crust
1/2 cups sifted flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup shortening
3-4 tablespoons cold water
1/2 cup grated cheese
Sift flour, measure, add salt and sift again. Cut in the shortening. Add water gradually and mix with a fork, adding only enough water to hold the mixture together. Roll thoroughly in the refrigerator. Roll out on a slightly floured board, then sprinkle with the 1/2 cup grated cheese. Fold over 3 times and roll out again. Put cheese crust on Egg and Salmon Pie and bake in a hot oven (450°) for 20-30 minutes.

PORK and BEANS

suggested by Dorothy Greig

A CERTAIN small boy I know announced importantly one day, "I like beans." "Why do you like pork and beans?" inquired his grandmother. "Because," said our young fry patting his round little tummy, "they fill me up nice and full."



Tasty Bean Sandwiches can be quickly whipped together for a quick supper or luncheon dish.

Well, pork and beans do seem to satisfy hunger completely. That's one reason they send young and grown-ups alike on their way contentedly. Another reason is their tender nut-like flavor... the result of lean bacon pork and zesty tomato sauce slow-cooked together until those mingled flavors got right down inside the beans.

Of course, pork and beans are a fine dish, heated just as they come from the can. That's just one way of serving them, however. There are others. For instance, how about this sandwich?

Tasty Bean Sandwich
1 can (10 oz.) pork and beans
3 tablespoons sweet relish (India, relish, sweet pickle relish)
3 tablespoons salad dressing or mayonnaise

Mash the beans and add relish and salad dressing, mix thoroughly. Spread between slices of toast or

bread. Makes 8 sandwiches.

Place one of these on a plate, add sliced tomatoes and lettuce on the side... good—and filling. For a quick supper on a Sunday evening, I recommend it.

My next suggestion for pork and beans is a hot casserole. I like this particularly well on a day that's sharp.

Tomato and Bean Casserole
1 can pork and beans (10 oz.)
1 tomato
3 slices bacon
Salt and pepper

Put the pork and beans in two individual casseroles. Make a nest in the top of casserole of pork and beans and place one-half tomato in each. Sprinkle tomatoes with salt and pepper. Cut the slices of bacon in half and place three pieces over beans and tomatoes. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven for 20-25 minutes.

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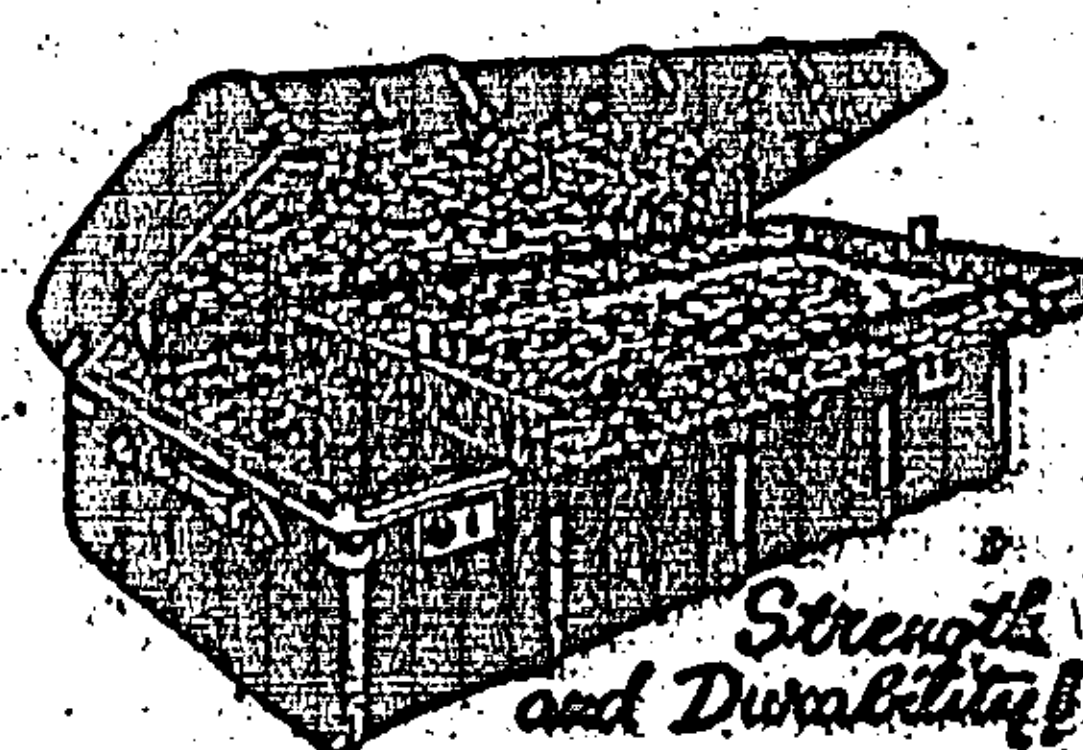
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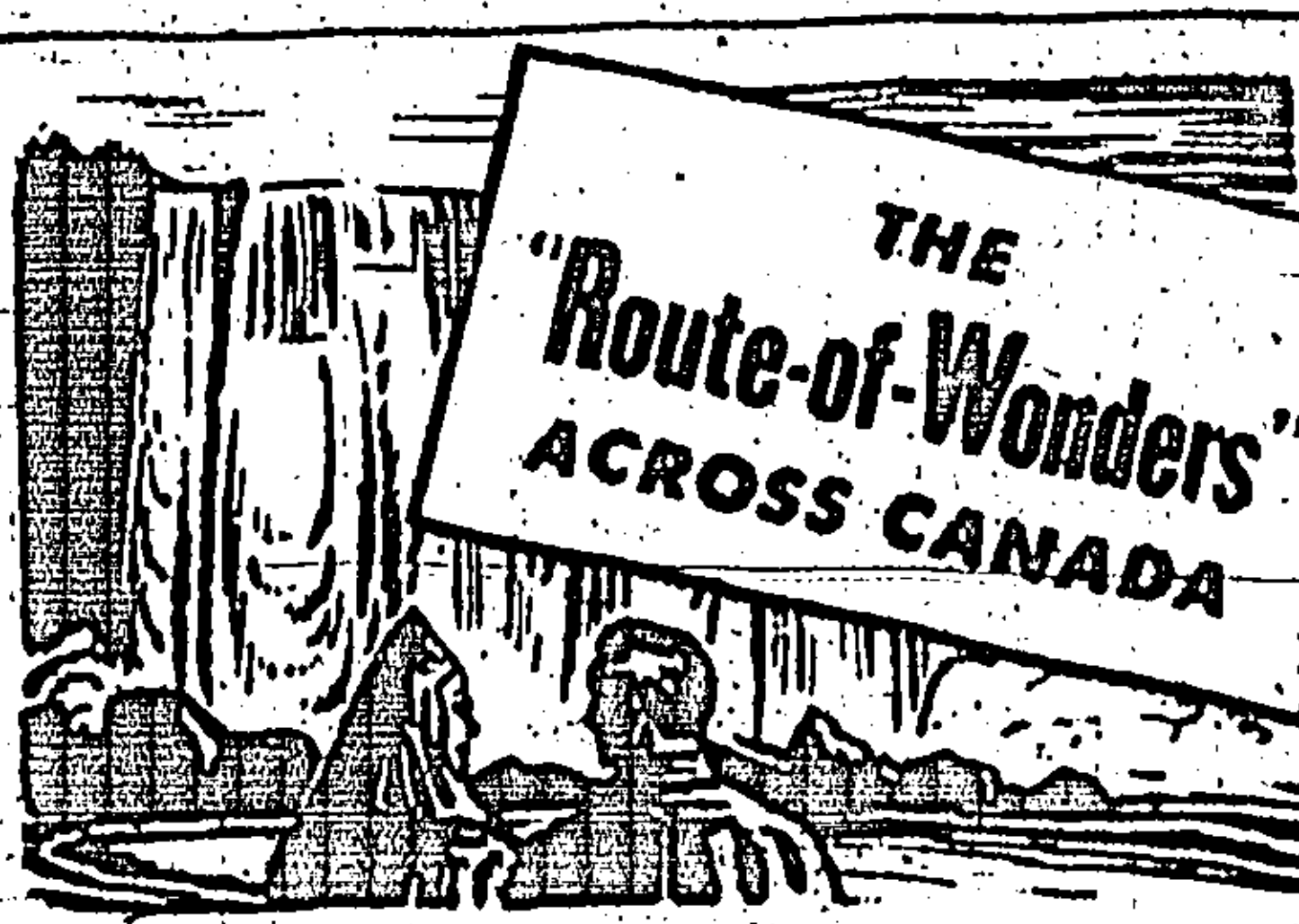
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12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
1.03 p.m.—Compositions of Moszkowski.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Variety Programme.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Brahma — Quartet in G Minor, Op. 25.
1st Mov: Allegro.

2nd Mov: (Intermezzo)—Allegro ma non troppo; (Conclusion)—Trio—Animato—Tempo del Intermezzo and Coda—Animato.

3rd Mov: Andante con moto—Animato.
4th Mov: (Rondo alla zingaresca)—Presto....Arthur Rubinstein & M.M. Onnou Prevost and Maas of the Pro Arte Quartet.

6.37 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.40 p.m.—Violin Recital by Joseph Szilgoti.
Menuet (Debussy-Dushkin).
Piece En Forme D'Habanera (Ravel—Leduc).

Study in Thirds (Scriabin, Op. 8, No. 10).
Sonata No. 3 in D (Weber) — (a) Chant Russe; (b) Rondo.

Sonata in E Minor (Mozart): 1st Mov.—Allegro; 2nd Mov.—Tempo di Menuetto.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Carry On!" "The Happy Half-Hour". Presented by Carroll Lewis.

8.03 p.m.—Billy Mayerl — Aquarium Suite.
8.15 p.m.—Organ and Soprano Recital by Harold Ramsay and Mavis Bennett.

8.40 p.m.—London Relay—Musical feature: "A Blast for Tobacco".
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Talk of Many Things".
9.45 p.m.—John Gay's "The Beggar's Opera".

10.42 p.m.—London Philharmonic Orchestra.
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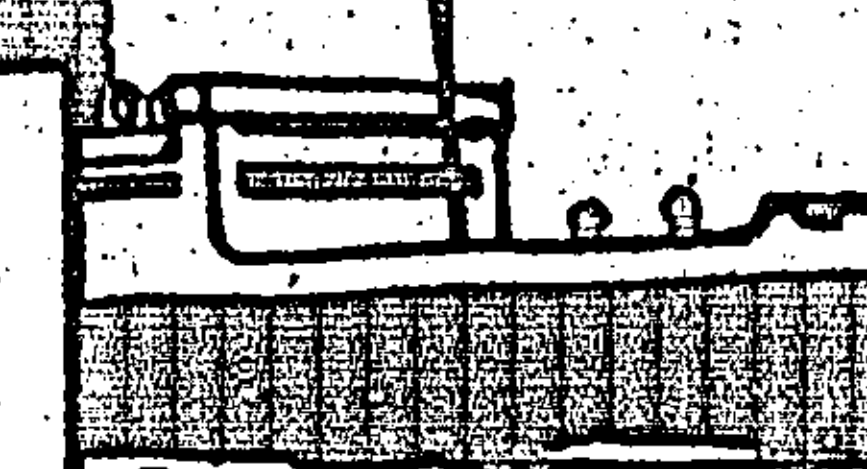
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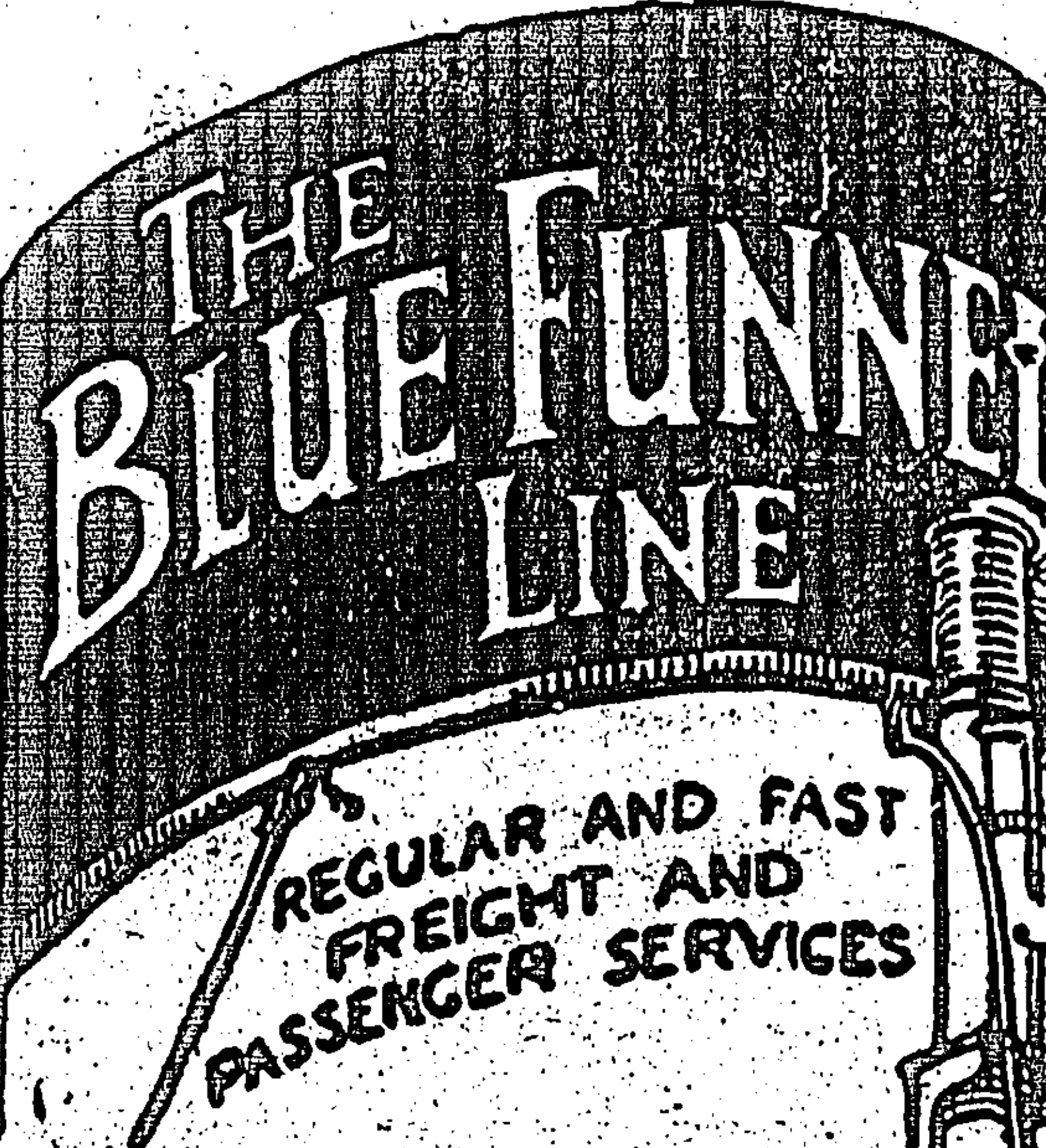
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A wrongly marked card in the match between J. McKelvie (Kowloon) and J. C. Chalmers (Hong Kong) resulted in Hong Kong being announced the winners of the Aitkenhead Shield match, at K.E.G.C. on Saturday, by one shot.

What actually happened was that McKelvie beat Chalmers 21-18 and not vice versa, as first stated. This now gives Kowloon victory by five shots. As a result of Saturday's error, 48 Hong Kong players were presented with spoons which should have gone to Kowloon players.

FACTORY SCANDAL ALLEGED

That cotton wool for surgical purposes was being prepared from filthy discarded cotton quilts and padded coats collected in the streets by certain cotton products factories in the Colony, was alleged in a prosecution conducted by Mr. E. C. Drown, Assistant Inspector of Factories and Workshops, before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning when the manager of the Mayfair Cotton Products Factory, of Matauchung Road, was summoned for operating an unregistered factory.

Mr. Drown stated that this was the fourth summons of similar nature. The labour authorities refused registration of these factories because they were using filthy stuff for preparing surgical cotton wool. The factory concerned had been warned three times to close down but was still operating when he visited the premises yesterday.

There was a grave danger of infection in "surgical" cotton wool turned out, while the Authorities had received 30 complaints from neighbours regarding smoke, fumes and smell.

Pleading guilty through Mr. C. A. S. Russ, the accused was fined \$50.

The other summonses were brought by Mr. Drown and Mr. D. W. Phillips, Inspector of Factories, concerning the employment of woman workers during prohibited hours—after 8 p.m. Fines ranging from \$40 to \$100 were imposed.

EUROPEAN INJURED ON SKATING RINK

Mr. W. G. McKie, of Taikoo Dockyard, was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital with a compound fracture of his left leg last night, as the result of a fall while skating at the Ritz.

BOY BAIT FOR THIEVES

A 12-YEAR-OLD PORTUGUESE STUDENT, REMME REMEDIOS, RESIDING AT NO. 112, ARGYLE STREET, GAVE EVIDENCE AGAINST HO KONG-YIU, 19, WHO WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING WITH STEALING HIS JACKET.

Det. Sgt. W. G. Morrison said that when Remedios was walking in Peace Avenue at 1 p.m. on Sunday he was asked by a small Chinese boy for a few cents. Remedios refused him and the small boy called out to accused and another man, who was not arrested, to "take off his jacket." They pulled off the jacket and ran away.

At 2 p.m. the following day, accused was seen by Remedios in Dundas Street and arrested. The jacket was redeemed from a pawn shop.

The prosecution asked that a serious view be taken because it was almost highway robbery. Accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

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FIRM TONE ON THE STOCK MARKET

The London stock exchange yesterday was firm, with Industrials advancing under the influence of a broadening demand. Kaffir dividend payers were again prominent, while Brazilian bonds featured, with Sao Paulo 7½ coffee loan advancing from 38 to 42.

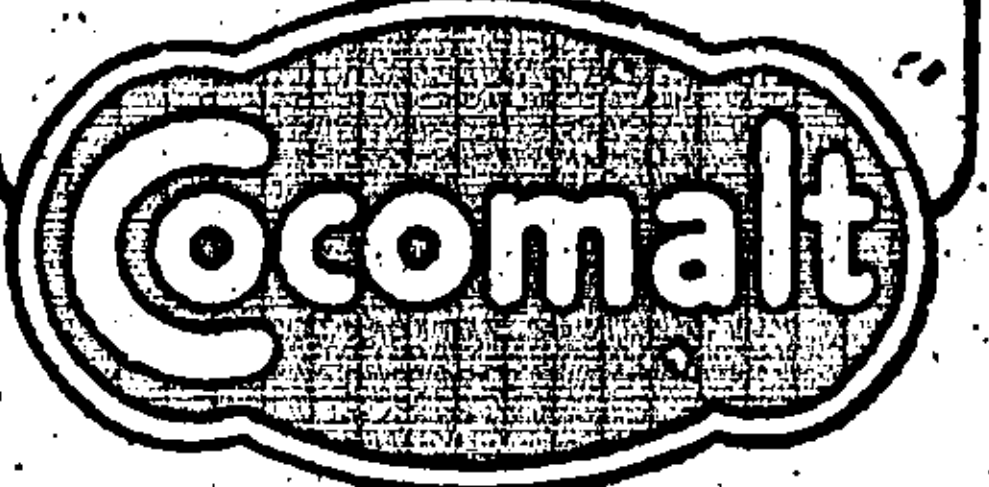
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Tins and Miscellaneous Mines received more attention, while gilt-edged stock were quiet. Wall Street was irregularly higher. — Reuter.



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Sunday's "Needle" Match Proves Disappointing To Packed Gallery

Recreio Team In Terrific Form With The Bat

H.K. Baseballers Win Again

By "Grandstand"

A GREAT SOFTBALL DISAPPOINTMENT WAS HANDED OUT TO THE JAMMED GRANDSTAND OF SPECTATORS ON SUNDAY WHEN THE SAINTS WERE CRUSHED BY THE RECREIO ACES IN THE SENIOR LEAGUE OPENER ON SUNDAY.

It seemed that the Aces had their batting pants on; not one of them, or two, or three of them, but the whole team. It was a fever, a contagion, as hits rattled off the Recreio bats, all the way down the line from first-sacker Nick Beltrao to hind-snatcher Charlie Figueiredo.

The Aces scored in every inning but the fifth, and in the sixth, eight runs crossed the plate, and only a double-killing halted the mayhem. Limited to only six measly bingles, the Saints were massacred 15 to 1, and as one fan was heard to remark, "It's a good football score in any man's league!"

In the absence of ace-hurler, Johnnie Alvares, Mentor Riri Noronha worked Gerry Gosano on the slab for the whole route. Backed by almost errorless fielding, Gosano conceded six hits only, but issued one pass and struck out none. Frankie "Bashful" Gonsalves, hurling for the Saints, was nipped for 14 blows, while his team-mates gave him poor support. Even the great Henry "Showboat" Ali dropped a fly, but made up by clouting two safeties in his three times up. The Saints' lone marker came in, in the first, when Ali singled, and burgled second and third, and dented the counting station on "Bambino" Dave Leonard's Texas Leaguer.

In the second the Saints put two on bases with one out, but homehead base-running by Albert Leonard and Jindoo Hussain resulted in a double-killing which cut off the rally like a ripe banana. Two on a base is, too, too much. For the rest of the game, the Saints never got into a scoring position again.

Batting honours go to Tony "Peewee" Alves for his three safeties in four times up, while the longest hit of the game was a triple, belted by Eddie "Doctor" Gosano, to deep right.

Filipinos Collapse

After holding the formidable Hong Kong Baseballers for four innings, the Filipinos went down to the waggomen by 9-4. "Doc" Molthen started on the hill, and worked for four innings, limiting the Islanders to only two blows. With the count knotted at 4-4, mentor Waggoner put twirler Edwards on the mound. This player turned on the heat and shut out the Filipino aggregation for the rest of the game.

Bull's pegs were again an outstanding feature of the Waggoner softball machine and bon-

Molthen and Cotton averaged a neat 1,000 in their two trips to the plate.

Explosive Game

Outhitting the Canadian Chinese in the nightcap, the Chinese Baseballers trounced the Canucks in a 9-2 victory, in which there were explosive moments, which bordered on an exchange of fistcuffs. Moundsman Chinn for the Baseballers snuffed out three by the strike-out route, whilst G. G. Lee, seen in his first pitching assignment, accounted for two. No free passes were issued by either chucker. Herbie Quon, "Wizard of the Whiff" worked behind the plate, calling the pitches, and turning out to be a surprisingly good maskman.

In the second stanza, the Baseballers were caught napping, with one down, when Howard Lee and Noel Young, on first and second, scampered down the bases on Nip Lum's infield fly, which was snared by second-sacker Young Lee, who tagged the sack after the catch to complete a double killing unassisted.

The longest hit of the day, was Tuffy Chinn's homer in the fifth with none aboard. George White of the Baseballers and Luke Bunn of the Canucks, also belted a three-bagger a-piece.

Junior Title

In the Junior League, the Recreio Bees shellacked the 8th Battery R.A. with a 42-6 lacing, whilst the C.B.A. subdued the Royal Engineers 19-8.

HOCKEY FIXTURES AMENDED

The following amendment to Hockey Association Tournament fixtures is notified by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. T. Smith:

Police "A"	v	Nomads
C.B.A.	v	Recreio
Police "B"	v	2nd M.T.B.'s
Kumaons	v	University
Gunboats	v	Khalasa
Destroyers	v	5th A.A. "A"
Royal Corps	v	5th A.A. "B"
Signals	v	5th A.A. "B"

"Y" HOCKEY ELEVENS

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches at King's Park this week:

To-day, 2nd, XI v R. Scots 2nd, XI (5 p.m.): Benwell, Heptonstall and Saxby; Croft, Gorman and Gilchrist; Spencelayh, Spradbery, Highlands, Ireson and Banks.

To-morrow, "A" XI v Recreio (5 p.m.): Killen, Jordan and Tomlinson; Croft, Coombe and Saxby; Spencelayh, Gemmell, Gilchrist, Morgan and Highlands.

SATURDAY

1st XI v Nomads (4.15 p.m.): Benwell, Taylor and Saxby; Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Smith, Gemmell, Ore, Morgan and Dunne.

2nd XI v R.E. 2nd (3 p.m.): Killen, Heptonstall and Tomlinson; Croft, Gorman and Gilchrist; Highlands, McGahan, Dormer, Ireson and Banks.

ALICE MARBLE TURNS PRO.

It was announced in New York yesterday that Alice Marble, holder of the Wimbledon and American lawn tennis singles championships, had turned professional. She will begin an exhibition tour with Donald Budge and Bill Tilden at Madison Square Garden in New York on January 6, 1941.—Reuter.

CARDINALS GO DOWN FIGHTING

By "Grandstand"

Giving their supporters five innings of hope, and holding their opponents scared during all that time, Cardinals went down to the Canuckettes in a 12-8 defeat, in which the Canuckettes staged a sixth-inning rally which netted them six runs to finish the tussle.

Eregina Babida, losing the rubber for the Redbirds, although nicked for 12 blows, might have pitched her team to victory once more had she been backed by better fielding from her team-mates, who committed no less than eight bobbles, of which second sacker Linda Fernandes, booted three, to cost as many runs.

Babida fanned four, but issued no passes, whilst Mary Louie, hurling for the Canuckettes issued one Annie Oakley and whiffed six Redbirds.

In the seventh, Canuckette Mary Louie showed signs of cracking up under the strain, when the Cardinals loaded the bags with one out. Bee Johnson coming up to bat, looked at three fast ones and went back to the bench, whilst Naty popped to short-stop Jean Lee for the last out.

Slabstress Babida made the longest hit of the fracas with a three-bagger but was nailed at the plate when she attempted to stretch it into a homer. "Where was the third base coach, Dave?" "Grandma" Gladys Hutchinson dished out a fielding gem, when she speared Vivienne Louie's screaming line-drive over second.

Panthers Too Good

The much improved Chung Hwa squad, although drawing first blood from the Baby Panthers, were no match for the Panther Kittens, who triumphed over them 17-3. The extent of the improvement of the Chung Hwa Femmes can be gauged by the fact that only five errors were chalked up against them, veteran May Chung being guilty of one, and pitcher Ella Chinn and first sacker Irene Lee sharing the others.

The Panthers' stickwork contributed much to their large margin of victory and Ella Chinn was nicked for 15 blows, of which the longest was by Theresia Botelho, who clouted a triple. Chinn struck out five and walked as many. Lella Xavier, tossing for the Pantherettes, walked only two and whiffed seven.

Nellie Lee, who hauled down four difficult flies out in the left garden without a fumble, displayed some brilliant fielding and Fungie Law, keeper of the mid-way station, who struck out in her three times up, now holds the coveted title of "Queen of Swing!"

Marathon Affair

The Wildcats-Little Flowers game was another marathon affair, 45 runs being scored by the Untamed Felines against the Florinhas' 8. The five-inning bedlam lasted almost an hour and a half, and kept the score-keepers going haywire, trying to keep track.

GOOD SOFTBALL IN MONDAY'S GAME

By "Grandstand"

ON MONDAY, for the second day in succession, the stand was packed as enthusiasts flocked out to see some snappy softball dished out in the U.S.S. Tulsa-Hong Kong Baseballers friendly tilt, in which, for the first time in local softball, a nine-inning game was played by agreement.

Timely hitting by Joe Morris, who batted in two runs netting the Baseballers four tallies in the second stanza, stowed the game away on ice for them.

Chucker Edwards again went the route for the Baseballers and struck out three, but he issued free transportation to first for four Tulsamen, whilst Norton, starting for the Mighty T, fanned one and passed one, whilst relief hurler Hansen passed one.

The Tulsamen opened the score on a single by Maxwell, who then pilfered second, reached third on a wild heave, and romped home on a wild pitch.

Fly Swatter

In the second frame the Baseballers replied with four tallies to take the lead. From that time on, the game tightened like the top on a molasses jug, although on one or two occasions the Tulsamen came within scoring position, but their hitters didn't come through in the clutches.

In the fourth, Petersen got on base with a double and was sacrificed to third by Gernonto's long fly, but Osazac, coming up to the platter brandishing his pet mace, went down swinging on a pitch a mile high and two miles wide.

Latham fled to centre to end the chapter.

A single and a pass, coupled with an error, netted the Tulsamen two more tallies in the seventh.

In their last time up they still had a chance to pull the game out of the fire, when they had two on with one away.

Guinn fled out to left with no gain on the bases, whilst Stockton was flagged at first by short-stop Leigh's rifle peg.

Hindsnatcher Joe Morris' bullet pegs which snuffed all base-burgling attempts, had the fans on their feet, whilst ballhawk Sperry, in the left garden, also drew rounds of applause by hauling down no less than six flies without a fumble. In one case, he had to run almost right smack up against the Kowloon Football clubhouse before he could clamp his hands on the horsehide.

KOWLOON CHESS

Kowloon Chess Club championship matches played yesterday resulted as follows:—Senior—B. D. Evans beat A. Y. Biriukoff; L. Karpovich beat P. Yvanovich; Junior—A. C. Mitchell beat Ph. Laufer; D. Drake beat J. Walther.

ST. GEORGES VERSUS ST. ANDREW'S

The Annual Golf Match between St. George's Society and St. Andrew's Society will be played at Fanling on Sunday.

The following are the starting times:

OLD COURSE

9.20 a.m.	O. E. C. Marton, F. D. Hunter.
9.24 ..	T. A. Pearce, K. S. Robertson.
9.28 ..	A. C. I. Bowker, R. Young.
9.32 ..	R. G. Parker, W. Sharp.
9.36 ..	C. D. N. Walker, T. Low.
9.40 ..	H. H. Mundy, D. Forbes.
9.44 ..	T. E. Pearce, K. S. Morrison.
9.48 ..	B. D. Evans, C. M. Stark.
9.52 ..	S. T. Butlin, W. A. Stewart.
9.56 ..	A. H. Penn, J. C. Taylor.
10.00 ..	A. Sommerfelt, A. K. Mackenzie.
10.04 ..	R. M. Wood, R. J. K. Walker.
10.08 ..	P. S. Cassidy, R. D. Gillespie.
10.12 ..	G. W. Reeve, A. S. MacKichan.
10.16 ..	J. H. Harrop, W. L. Alexander.
10.20 ..	F. A. M. Elliott, D. Black.

NEW COURSE

9.20 a.m.	F. Groves, D. S. Edward.
9.24 ..	L. Goldman, D. S. Robb.
9.28 ..	H. F. Phillips, W. W. C. Shewan.
9.32 ..	S. L. Lloyd, Brig. MacLeod.
9.36 ..	A. D. Humphreys, E. W. Kirk.
9.40 ..	E. Bathurst, A. T. Lay.
9.44 ..	H. B. L. Dowbiggin, J. A. D. Morrison.
9.48 ..	H. N. Williamson, A. H. McBride.
9.52 ..	G. W. Sewell, M. Pollock.
9.56 ..	S. A. Sleep, H. C. Watson.
10.00 ..	H. V. Wilkinson, G. D. R. Black.
10.04 ..	P. C. Jackson, C. F. J. Simpson.
10.08 ..	J. D. Danby, R. K. M. Simpson.
10.12 ..	J. B. Harrison, W. Park.
10.16 ..	H. G. Williams, V. R. Gordon.
10.20 ..	L. C. F. Bellamy, J. Fleming.

First-named players are members of St. George's Society.

New Putter Helps Chapman

By BEST BALL

Shortly before the qualifying rounds of the National Amateur Championship, Dick Chapman bought a wooden headed putter in the hope that it might help his game. His putting was way off, no doubt due in some measure to wrecking of an old faithful aluminum headed putter some time before. Since that time, Chapman had tried dozens of other putters with little luck.

Then by merest chance he hit on the wooden headed one which felt, weighed and subsequently putted like his old one. Using it, his touch was magic, the ball dropped in from all angles. The cheapest club in his bag it became the most valuable of all. Chapman's average was 31 putts per round and it was largely on the strength of his putting that he won the National Amateur championship.

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These remarks were made by Mr. H. A. Beard, President of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, at the annual general meeting held last night.

There was an unusually large attendance of members representing the Navy, Army and civilian sections.

Mr. W. E. Hollands, for more than 10 years an active member of the Association, was elected a Life Member.

Following the Chairman's address, Mr. Minihan stressed the necessity for a referee controlling a game having perfect cooperation with the linesmen. Qualified members of the Association who were present and were not in charge of the game, should refrain from criticising the referee on the field.

It was decided that the Association's annual dinner be held on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:—

President:—Hugh A. Beard,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. F. da Silva.

Committee:—W. H. Glover (representing Navy), M. Minihan, (representing Army) and D. Kosick (representing civilians).

WEEK-END SOCCER FIXTURES

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Club v R. Scots
(Club, 4.15 p.m.)
Middlesex v Sing Tao
(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Kowloon v Police
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Club v Sing Tao
(Club, 2.45 p.m.)
Middlesex v 30th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)
Kowloon v Police
(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

12th R.A. v 36th R.A.
(Stanley, 2.45 p.m.)
International v 20th R.A.
(Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)
Air Force v Shell
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)
35th R.A. v Engineers
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)
7th R.A. v 24th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

Eastern v Kwong Wah
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

South China v Kwong Wah
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)
Engineers v Ordinance
(Military, 2.45 p.m.)
Service Corps v Kit Chee
(Military, 4.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Signals v Medicals
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)
Service Corps v A.S.A.
(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)

C.S.C.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following will represent Civil Service Cricket Club in friendly matches against Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday at 2 p.m.:

1st XI. (away).—J. E. Richardson, W. H. Colledge, A. E. Perry, F. Baker, R. H. Griffiths, D. J. Hollidge, N. Whitley, N. L. Smith, B. C. K. Hawkins, J. Barrow and A. Watson.
2nd XI. (home).—H. E. Strange, H. F. Harper, J. F. McGowan, G. Ainslie, F. E. Lawrence, J. Mitchell, G. Davidson, A. M. J. Wright, H. P. Cunningham, H. Parrott and R. Lawrence.

GOLF SPOON WINNERS

L. R. Andrewes won the spoon for the best round over the Old Course during the Jasper Clark Cup competition at Fanling on Sunday, while K. S. Robertson won the spoon for the best round over the New Course, his second nine holes being better than those of Dr. Tomlinson.

Lt. Col. R. A. P. MacPherson (15) who was three up, won the Bogey (Par) Pool over the New Course during the past week-end. There were 25 entries.

The Adamson Cup (November) at Happy Valley was cancelled owing to lack of entries.

SWYER AND WYRE IN FORM

A useful innings by Major Swyer and some splendid bowling by Sgt. Wyre gave Royal Army Medical Corps an easy win over Royal Air Force in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Largely due to Swyer's innings, R.A.M.C., who batted first, totalled 85, Smith, for the Airmen, taking 4 for 19 and Henley 3 for 25. Air Force, however, made no sort of a showing against Wyre, who finished with a spell of

O. M. R. W.

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to return an analysis of 7 for 22 in 9.6 overs. Although he was not nearly as spectacular, Coombes bowled steadily and only conceded 12 runs in nine overs for three wickets.

R.A.M.C.				
Webb, b Goodwin	14			
Swyer, b Henley	40			
Coombes, b Hawkins	14			
Shorthouse, b Hawkins	4			
Harrison, c Palling, b Henley	2			
Lawrence, c Stockham, b Smith	2			
Musson, b Henley	0			
Wyre, c Stockham, b Smith	2			
Bright, c Hunt, b Smith	0			
Don, not out	0			
Boyce, st. Cook, b Smith	0			
Extras (W1, LB6)	7			

Total				
Bowling Analysis	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	7	2	19	4
Goodwin	6	1	16	1
Henley	6	0	25	3
Hawkins	5	0	18	2

R.A.F.				
Abbas, c Swyer, b Wyre	8			
Goodwin, c Shorthouse, b Coombes	13			
Cook, st. Shorthouse, b Coombes	0			
Hunt, c Webb, b Wyre	0			
Manfield, c Swyer, b Wyre	0			
Henley, b Wyre	6			
Stockham, not out	4			
Palling, st. wkt., b Wyre	2			
Smith, c Coombes, b Wyre	0			
Stinson, b Coombes	1			
Hawkins, c Boyce, b Wyre	0			
Extras (B2)	2			

Total				
Bowling Analysis	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wyre	9.6	2	22	7
Coombes	9	2	12	3

R.E. SOCCER TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

The following will represent the Royal Engineers against the R.A.S.C. in their postponed League football match at Sookunpoo to-morrow at 2.45 p.m.:—

Moxham; Palmer, Tang Chung-pak; Birrell, Shaw (Capt.), T. Taylor; Li Wai-lam, Chan Kam-poy, Fox, Pelham and Chung



Above is the Kit Chee Second Division League soccer team which lost to South China on Sunday by the odd goal in three. The uniformed team is here shown in the positions in which they take the field, with the goal-keeper, in sweater, standing between the two backs. Reading from the back row left to right are the players—Fok Yiu-wah, Tang Yat-ming, Lai Dat-choi; middle row—Yau Wah-hing, Chan Ka-lai, Chan Bing-to; front row—Cheung Chung-kan, Wong Mei-shun, Wan Cheuk-sun and Chong Kam-chuen.

BUDGE'S CHALLENGE TO AMATEURS

DONALD BUDGE, former Wimbledon and American champion, and now vice-president of the professional lawn tennis players of America, thinks open tournaments are sure to come some day but they are about three years away.

"Public demand has been kicking the United States Lawn Tennis Association around because they didn't jump at the first suggestion of an open," says Budge, quoted by the New York newspaper, "P.M.," "but in truth the Amateur Association is acting wisely."

Budge, who was champion amateur lawn tennis player of the world before he turned professional in 1938, intimated that the professional organisation, to which about 1,000 players are affiliated in America, should put their own

house in order before challenging the amateurs. "What we need is a string of tournaments somewhat like the golf professionals have," he said. "If we could have about two months of straight tournament play across country, ending with the open at—say Forest Hills—then we would be all set."

Play Them Anywhere

Budget naturally thinks the professional would easily beat the amateurs, and he regards the suggestion that the professionals might lose on grass as ridiculous.

UNIVERSITY TENNIS

In an inter-hostel University tennis match yesterday, Ricci beat Morrison by five sets to four.

On Hlan Pit and C. S. Loke (Ricci Hall).

beat O. Thomas and Li Ming 6-2
beat Tao Siu-lam and Liu

Hong-sing 6-4
lost to Yip Yee and K. Lo 2-6

G. Choa and Ku Mao-hsiang (Ricci Hall).

beat Thomas and Li 6-2
beat Tao and Liu 6-2

beat Yip and Lo 6-1
Teoi Som-tin and P. T. Yu (Ricci Hall).

lost to Thomas and Li 2-6
lost to Tao and Liu 2-6
lost to Yip and Lo 1-6

"We play on anything," he said, "and for all I care they can stage the tournament on grass, glass or bottle tops. We'd take them."

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Extensive War Booty Captured

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Greek Army at Athens)

A BRITISH BOMBER FORMATION AGAIN BOMBED ALBANIAN TARGETS YESTERDAY BUT THE RESULTS HITHERTO ARE UNKNOWN.

Great quantities of war material which the Italians abandoned in the ravines of the central Pindus sector, continue to be collected. The Greeks already have employed against the enemy the captured light artillery and machine-guns.

Although reports that General Soddu has ordered a general withdrawal of his troops to their former positions in Albania are untrue, it appears that the Italians have rectified their line on the right wing of the Epirus sector, where the flanks of their advanced column are exposed owing to the debacle in the Pindus sector.

Escape Pleases

Military circles in Athens regard the escape of those four to five thousand Italians from the Pindus pocket as one of the major successes of the whole affair from a Greek viewpoint.

They will have returned weaponless, ragged and semi-starved with tales of avalanches of rocks which were dynamited over them from heights above

ravines. Their panic will shake the morale of Italian reinforcements badly enough but when the waters of the Aous River run down from the Pindus mountains through the Albanian valleys the bodies of some hundreds of their comrades whom they believed to be making a triumphal march through Greece, it will hardly urge them to attack the Greek defences which are now more impregnable than ever.—Reuter.

HONGKEW SHOOTING FURORE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The district north of the Soochow Creek in Shanghai was thrown into a turmoil again yesterday morning when a man, believed to be a high ranking Japanese Army official, was shot.

The would-be assassin, whose identity is reported to be known to the Japanese authorities, escaped immediately after firing several shots at the officer.

All bridges leading into the Japanese-occupied sector were closed and all traffic was interrupted for over half an hour. Strict searches were conducted by Japanese gendarmerie and Japanese Naval Landing Party patrols.

Details of the attack are lacking, while the Japanese decline to reveal the identity of the victim.

This is the ninth "shoot-up" to occur in the last month and a half in the Shanghai area under Japanese control.

The victim is lying in a grave condition in the Japanese military hospital where he was taken after the shooting.—Havas.

RESIGNATION OF DECOUX DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Hanoi authorities officially deny Japanese reports that Admiral Jean De Coux, Governor-General of Indo-China, has tendered his resignation.

They stress that this report is utterly groundless "as well as all comments which may accompany it."—Havas.

M. COSME GOES TO CHENG TU

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") M. Henri Cosme, French Ambassador to China, who has been in Chungking for the last few weeks, has gone to Chengtu for a short stay. He will later return to Shanghai via Kunming.—Havas.

N.E.I. OIL AGREEMENT

An agreement has been initialled concerning the supply of Dutch East Indies oil to Japan by representatives of the Netherlands oil companies and Japanese oil importers.

This agreement will be communicated to the Japanese and Netherlands delegations at Batavia.—Reuter.

BATAVIA BLACK-OUT

Starting at 4 p.m. Batavia time to-day, three days of intensive black-out and air raid exercises are being held in Batavia, says Reuter's correspondent there.

Air raid warnings will frequently be given during the exercises so as to accustom the people to take shelter.—Reuter.

RICH COAL DEPOSIT FOUND IN KWANGSI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A rich coal deposit has been discovered in an unexplored part of Kwangsi province.

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Hitler, once said "Battleships are an antiquated weapon: they will remain outside on the fringe of the war that is to come," and yet battleships prevent Germany from invading England, comments the Athens newspaper "Neos Kosmos."

Battleships secure to Britain transport of the means of war from the four corners of the globe, the paper continues.

Battleships play a principal part in the Battle of the Mediterranean, which is so decisive for the Axis.

Hitler's calculations have, therefore, proved false in his basic theory about the carrying on of war, and this is an event of huge importance.—Reuter.

The bus service between Macau and Shek-ki was resumed yesterday. The safe arrival of three buses which left for Shek-ki is yet not confirmed.—Our Own Correspondent.

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